

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST™



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*Like a piece of beef
that can't respond...*

It's been a few years since I left home, saying, "I won't come back here until I can make a living drawing manga." I got my wish but now I'm so busy that I don't have time to go home. I feel happy and sad at the same time.

—Hiromu Arakawa, 2002



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga **Stray Dog**. Her series **Fullmetal Alchemist** debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology **Shonen Gangan**.



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金の錬金術師
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鋼の錬金術師

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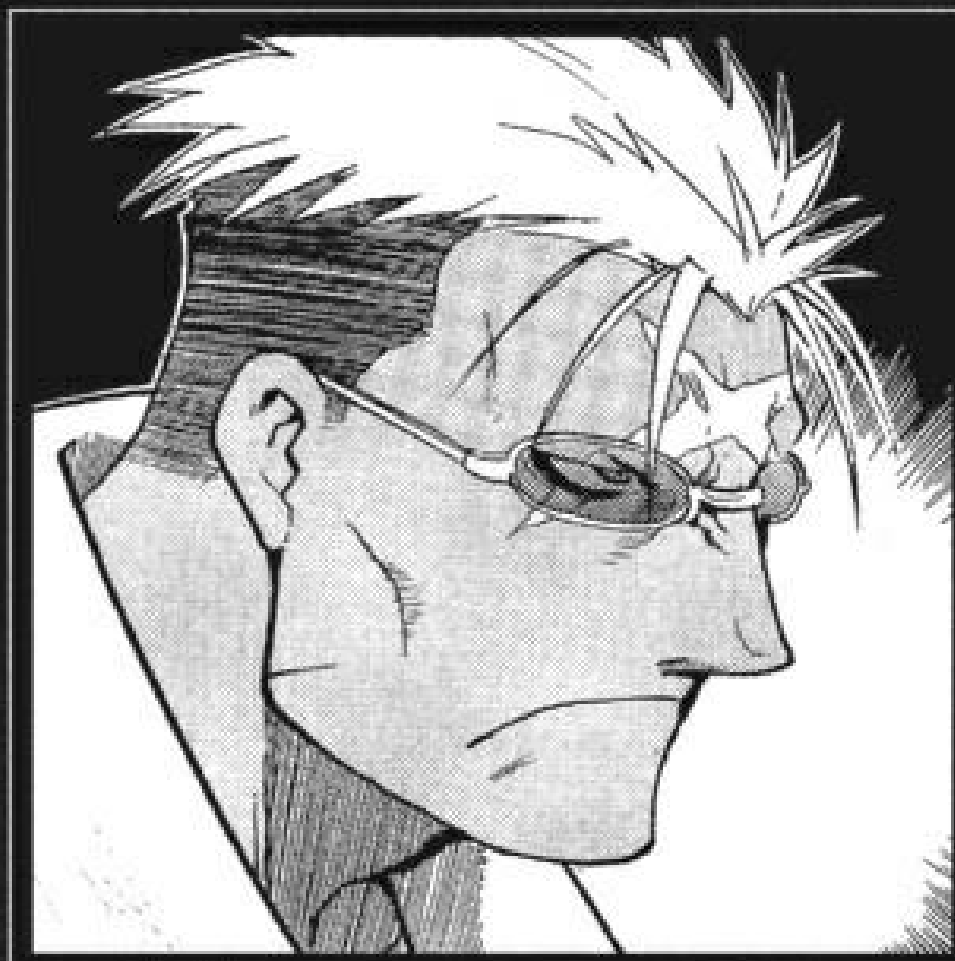
CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



□ ショウ・タッカー

Shou Tucker



□ 傷の男(スカー)

Scar



□ グラトニー

Gluttony



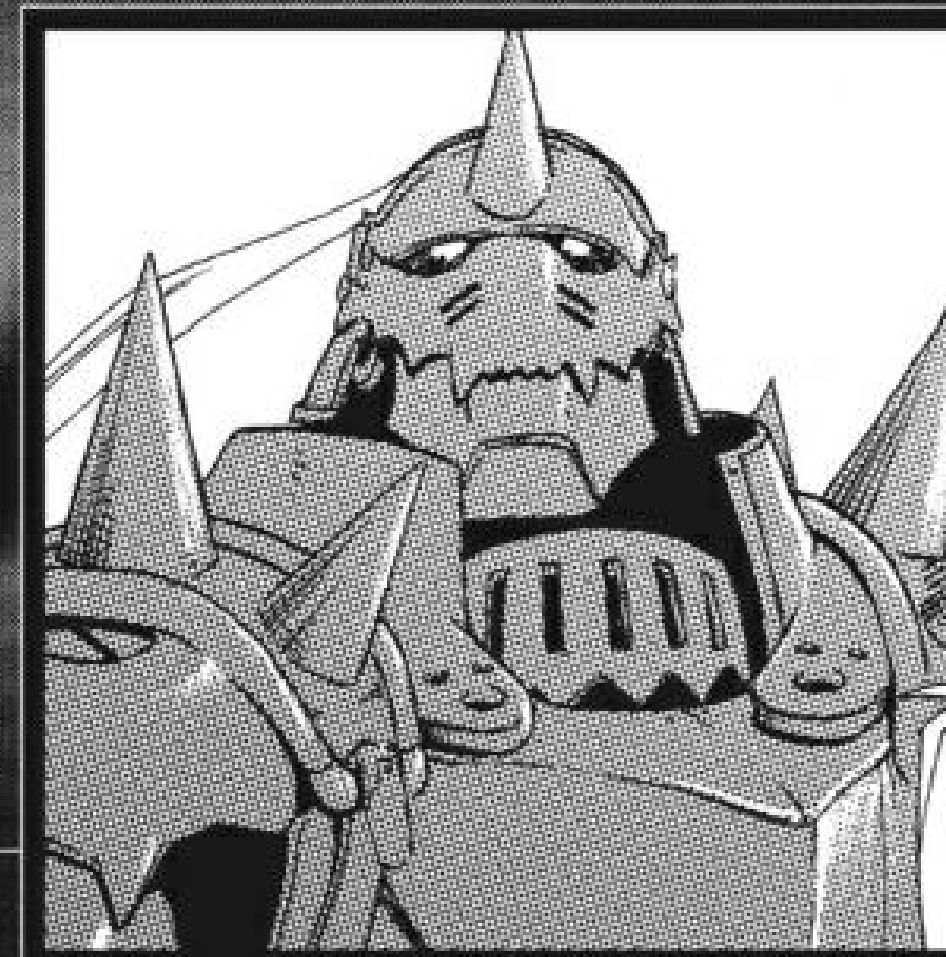
□ ラスト

Lust

OUTLINE

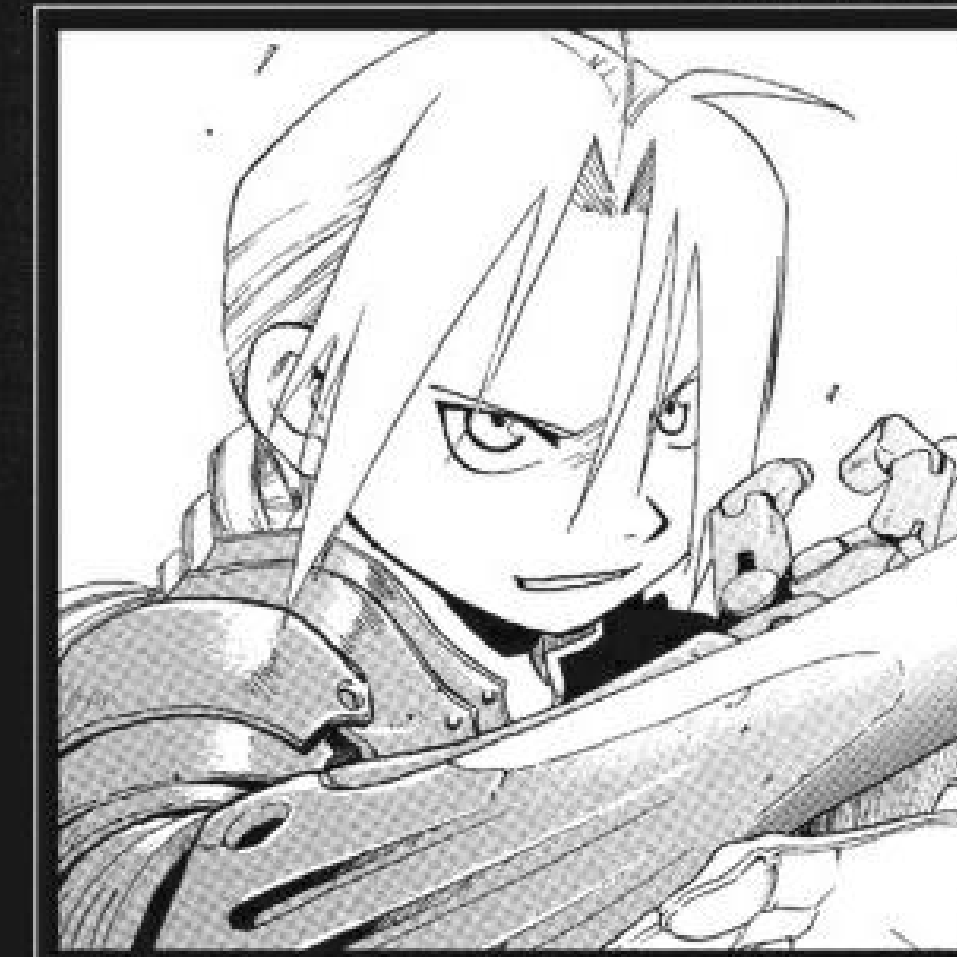
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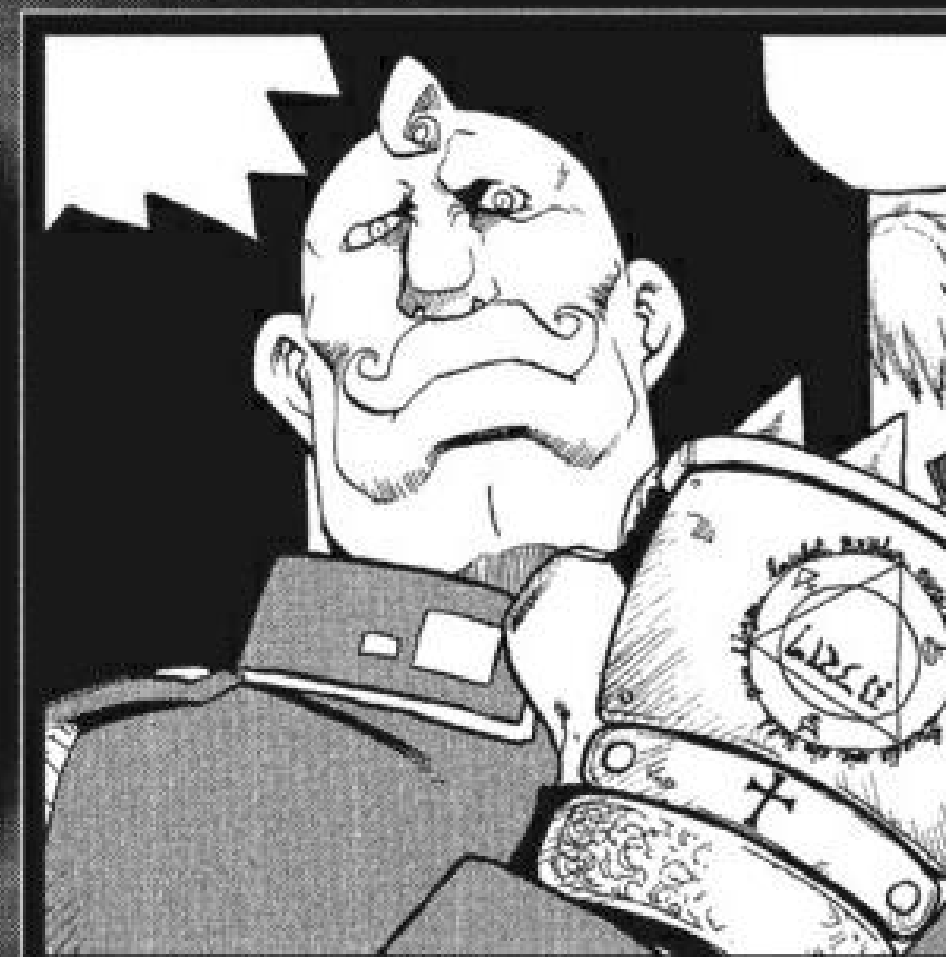
□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

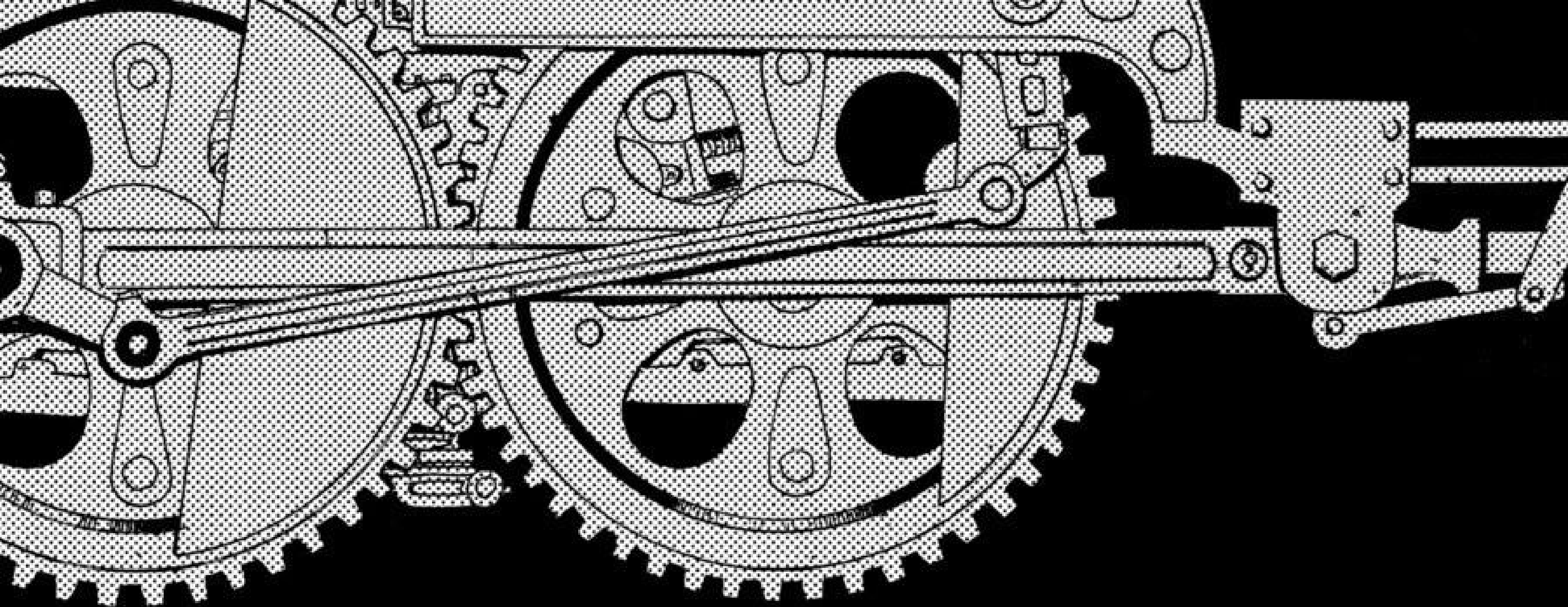
Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

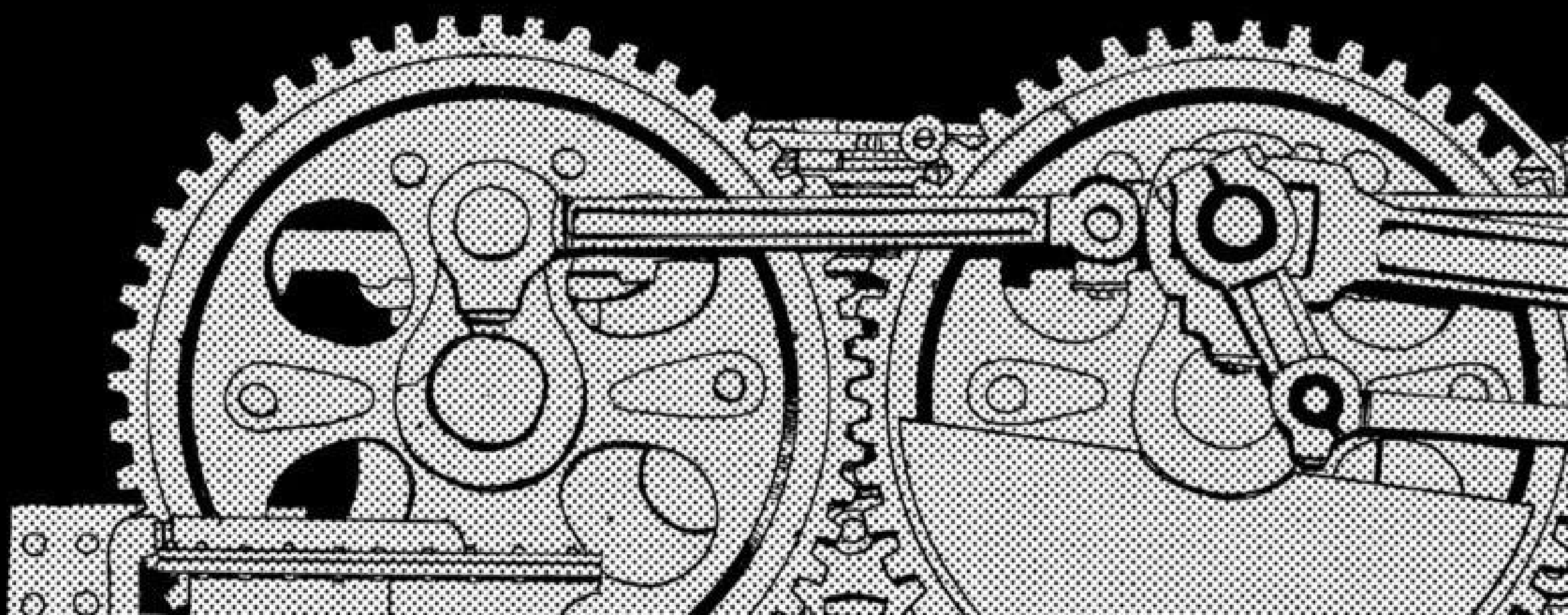
Roy Mustang

Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, serving the military on deadly missions. Now, the two brothers roam the world in search of a way to regain what they have lost...



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I DON'T KNOW...

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT...?

HE CAN'T BE HUMAN...



Chapter 5: The Alchemist's Suffering

SMIRK☆

YOU
OWE ME
FOR THIS
ONE,
COLONEL.

HEARING
YOU SAY
THAT
MAKES A
CHILL RUN
DOWN MY
SPINE...

RIGHT
NOW?
YOU
SURE
ARE
IN A
HURRY...

I NEED TO
KNOW MORE
ABOUT
BIO-ALCHEMY.
WHERE CAN I GO
AROUND HERE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION?
LIKE A LIBRARY OR
AN EXPERT?

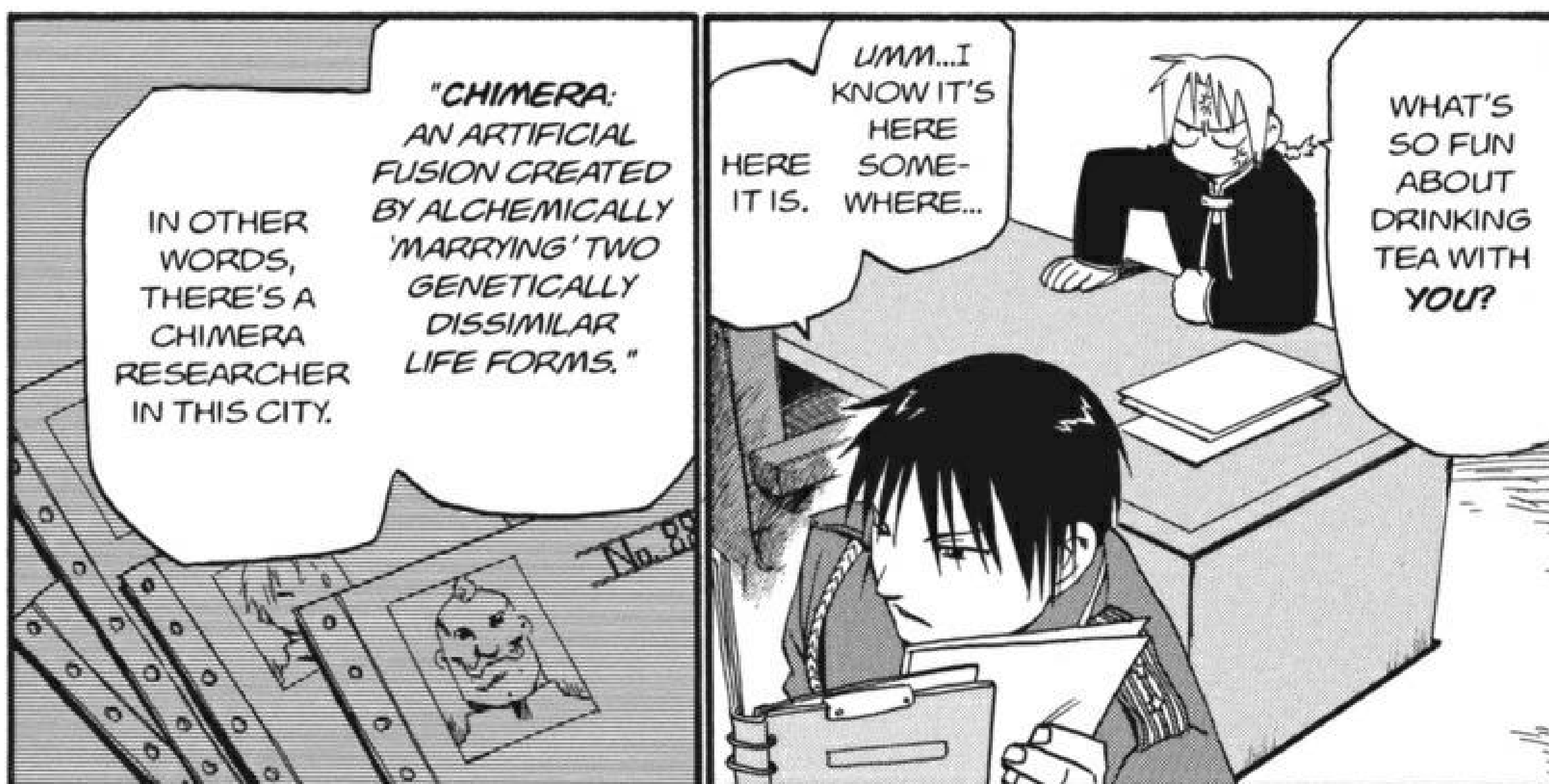
YOU
SURE
COME
RIGHT
TO THE
POINT.
♪

ALL
RIGHT.
SO
WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?



IT'S BEEN
AWHILE SINCE
WE SAW EACH
OTHER...
WHY DON'T
WE HAVE A
CUP OF TEA?

MY ARM
AND LEG
AREN'T GOING
TO JUST
GROW BACK
IF I WAIT
LONG
ENOUGH!

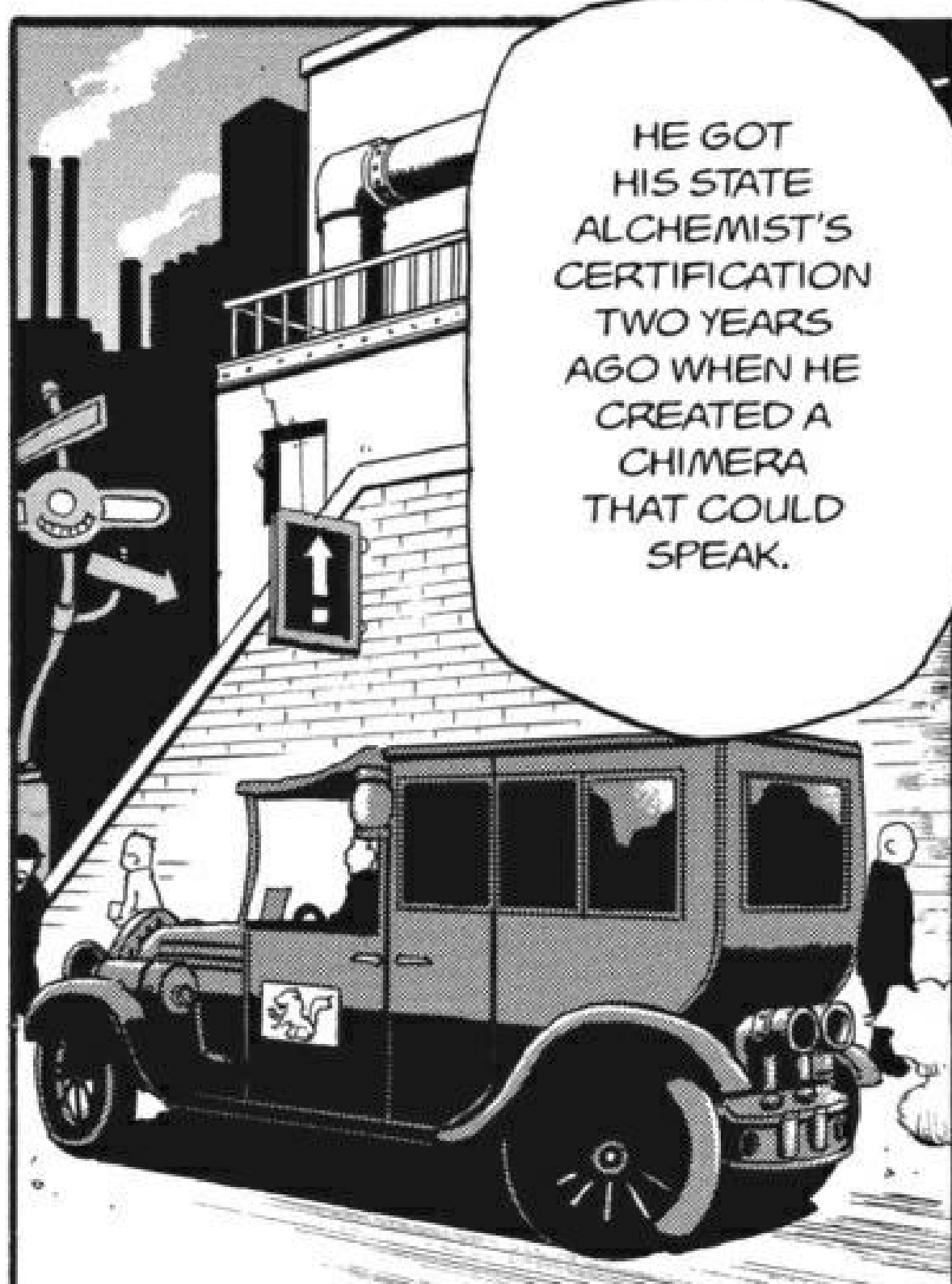


IN OTHER
WORDS,
THERE'S A
CHIMERA
RESEARCHER
IN THIS CITY.

"CHIMERA:
AN ARTIFICIAL
FUSION CREATED
BY ALCHEMICALLY
'MARRYING' TWO
GENETICALLY
DISSIMILAR
LIFE FORMS."

UMM...I
KNOW IT'S
HERE
HERE
IT IS. SOME-
WHERE...

WHAT'S
SO FUN
ABOUT
DRINKING
TEA WITH
YOU?

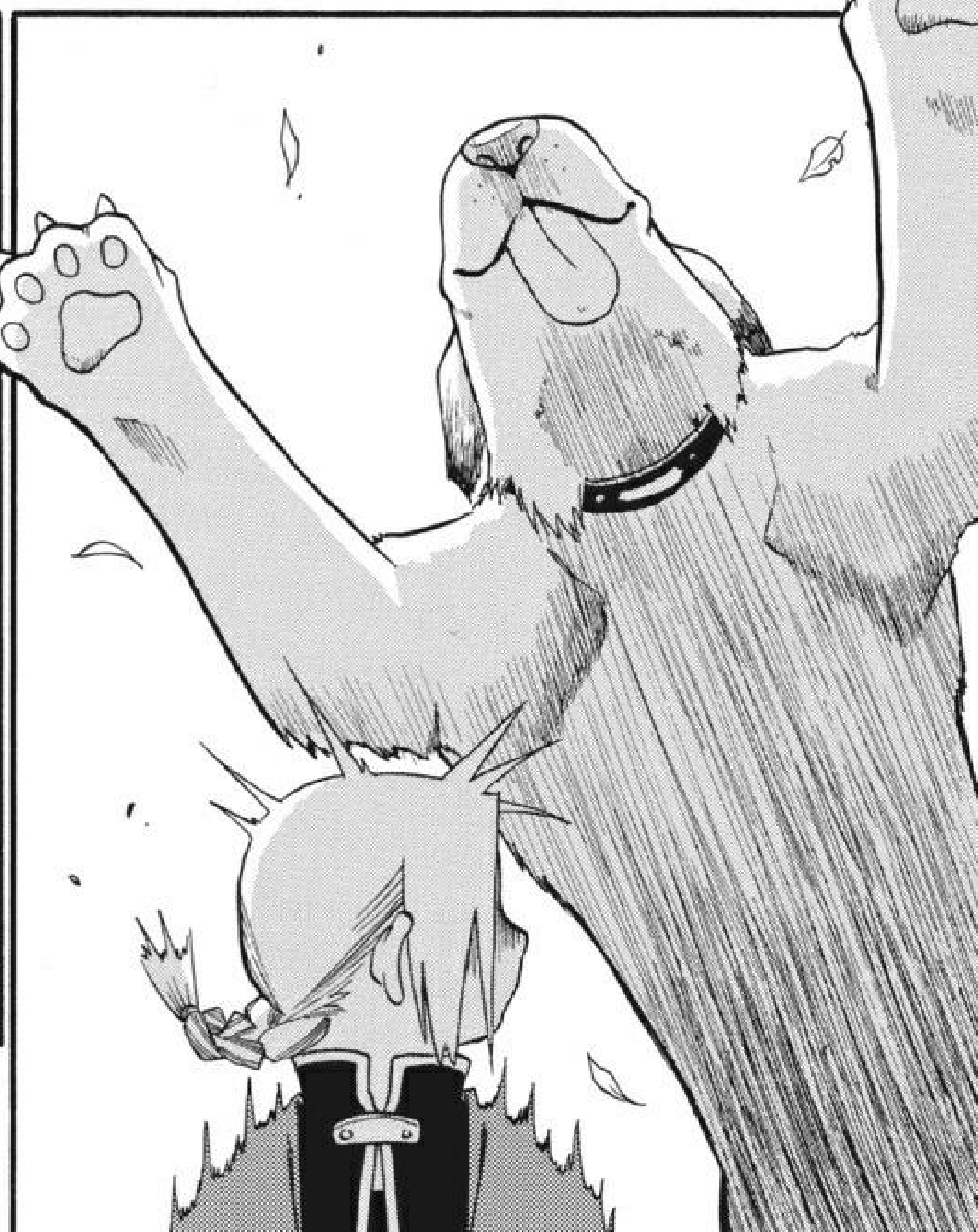


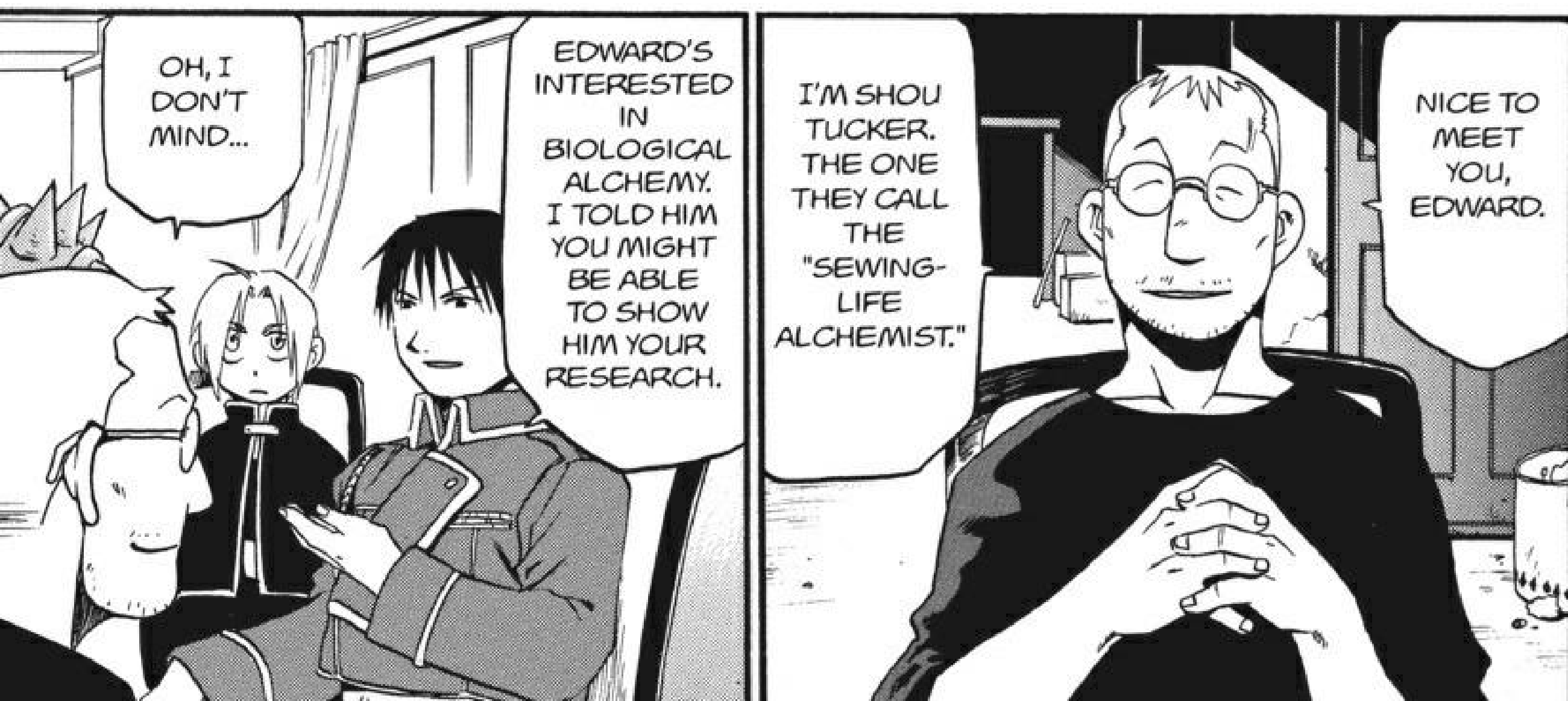
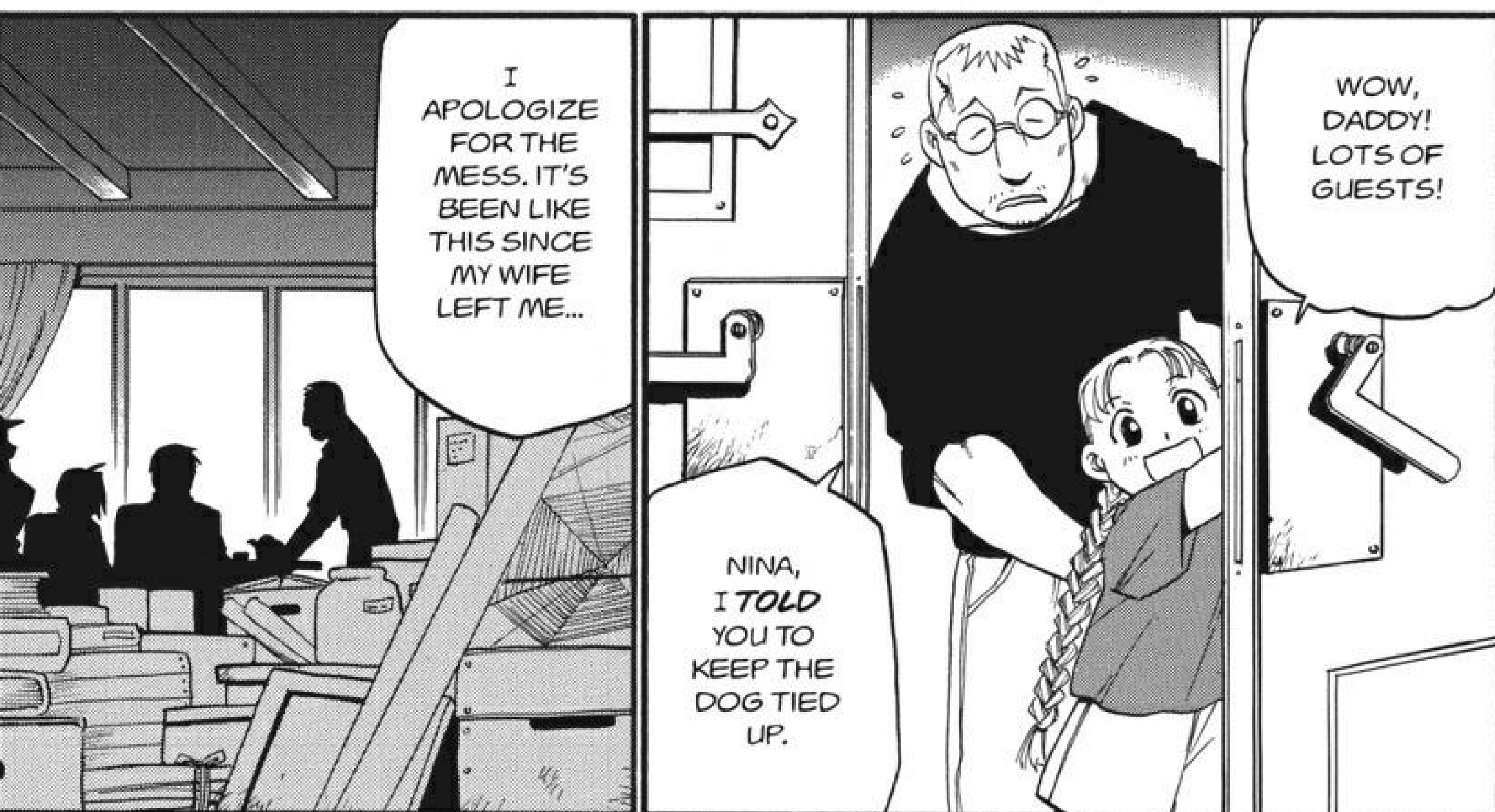
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HIS STATE
ALCHEMIST'S
CERTIFICATION
TWO YEARS
AGO WHEN HE
CREATED A
CHIMERA
THAT COULD
SPEAK.

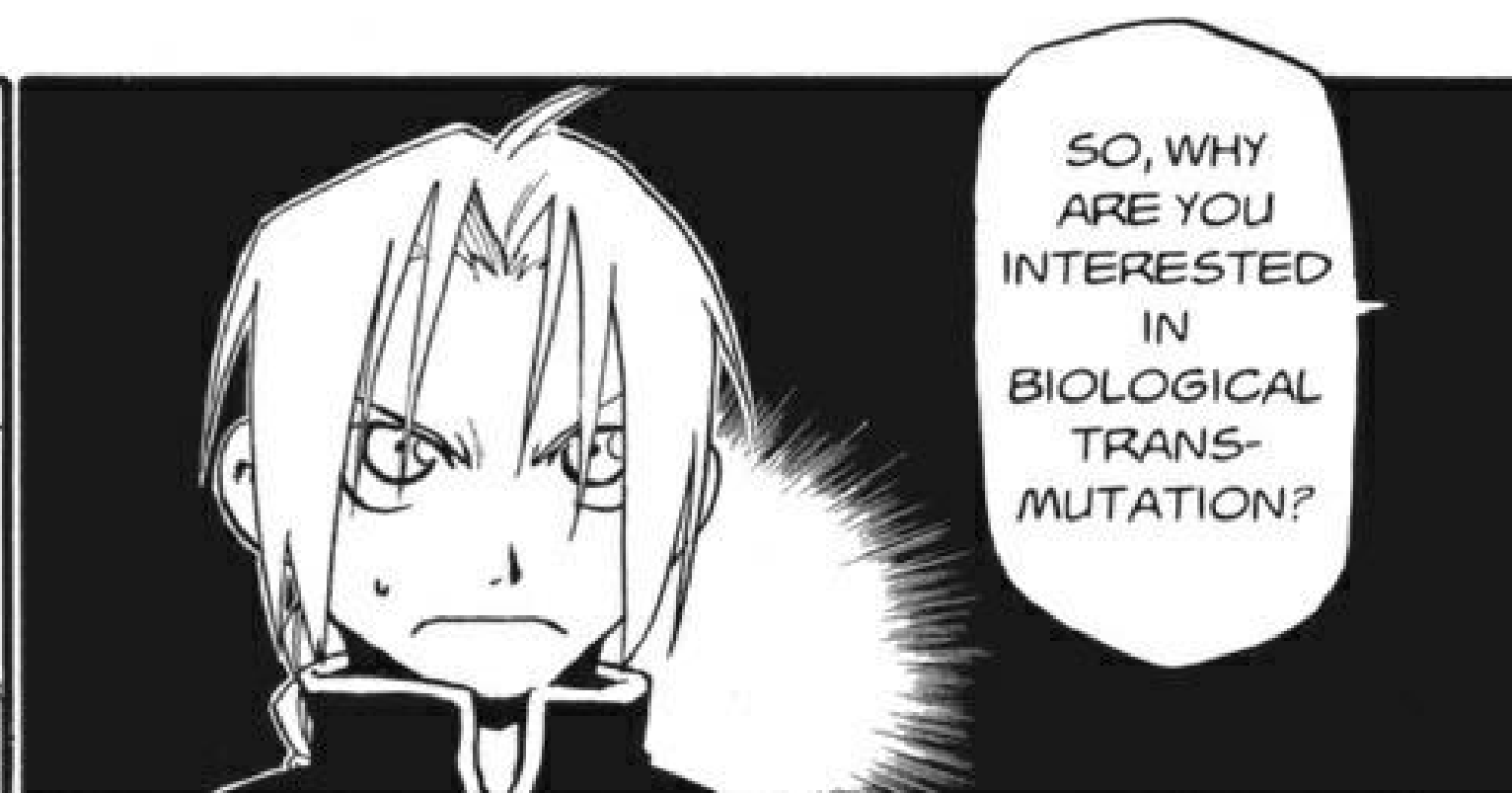


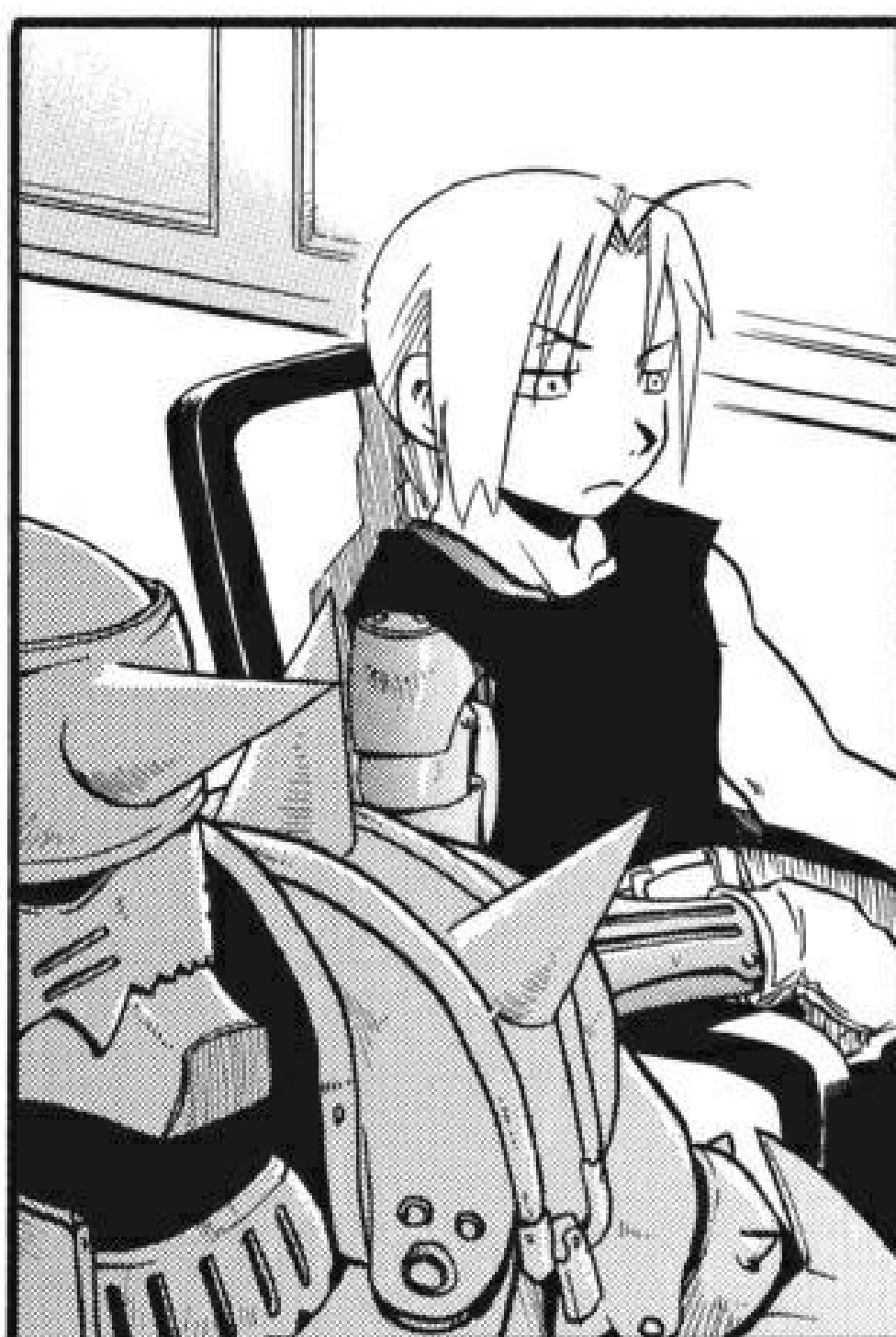
SHOU
TUCKER,
THE
"SEWING-
LIFE
ALCHEMIST."

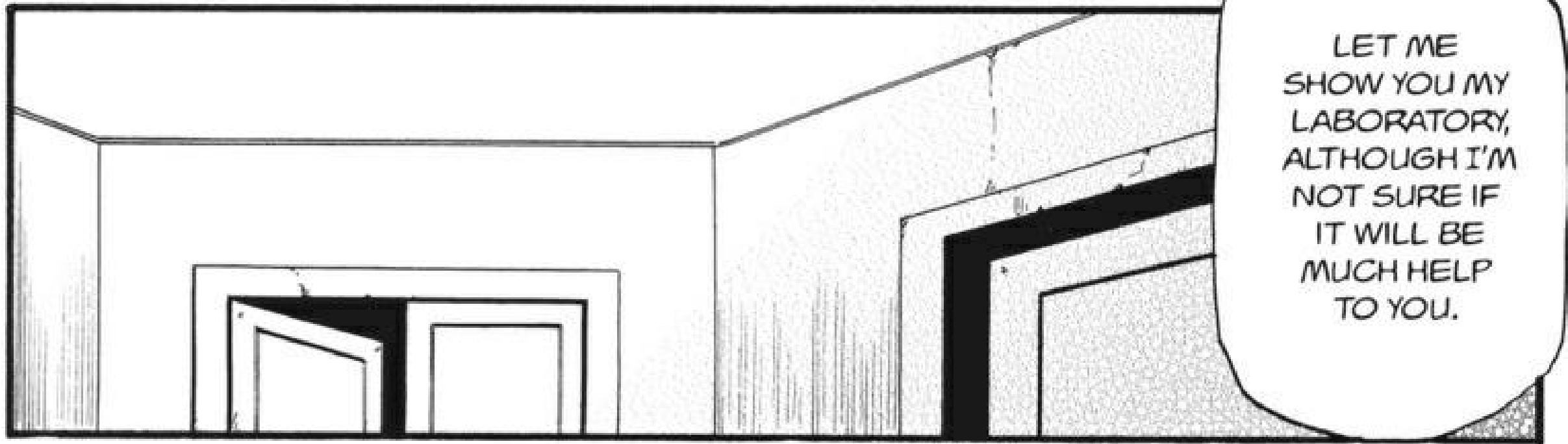












LET ME
SHOW YOU MY
LABORATORY,
ALTHOUGH I'M
NOT SURE IF
IT WILL BE
MUCH HELP
TO YOU.



I'M SUPPOSED
TO BE THE
AUTHORITY
ON CHIMERAS,
BUT IN REALITY,
IT'S NEVER
EASY. LOTS OF
FAILURES...
LOTS OF FALSE
STARTS.

YOU'VE
GOT
TO
EXCUSE
ME...



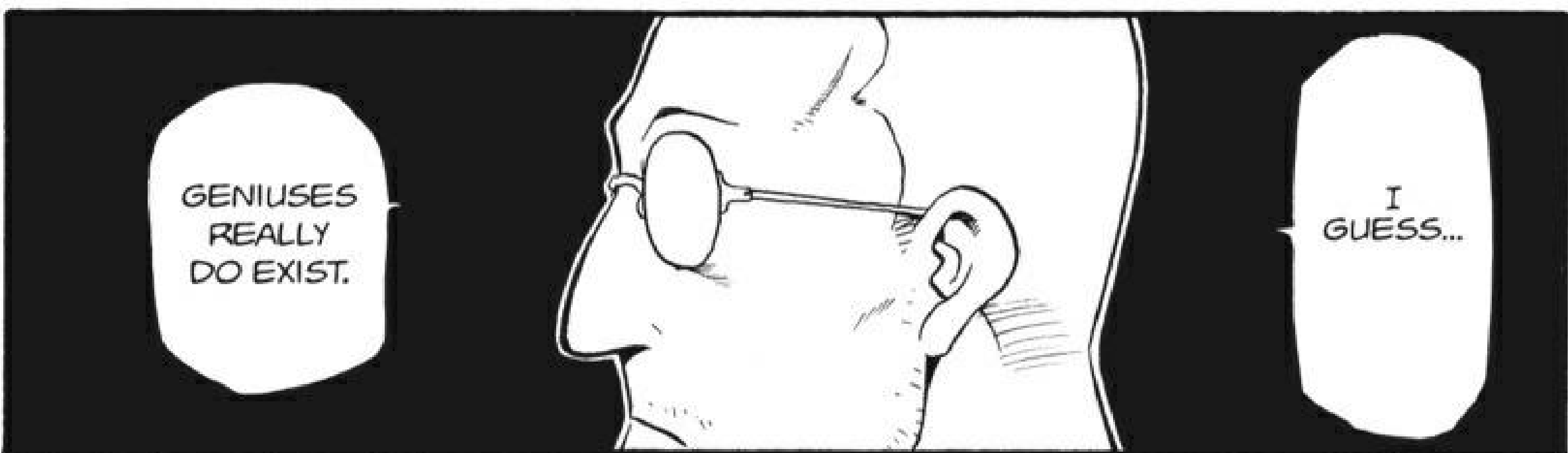
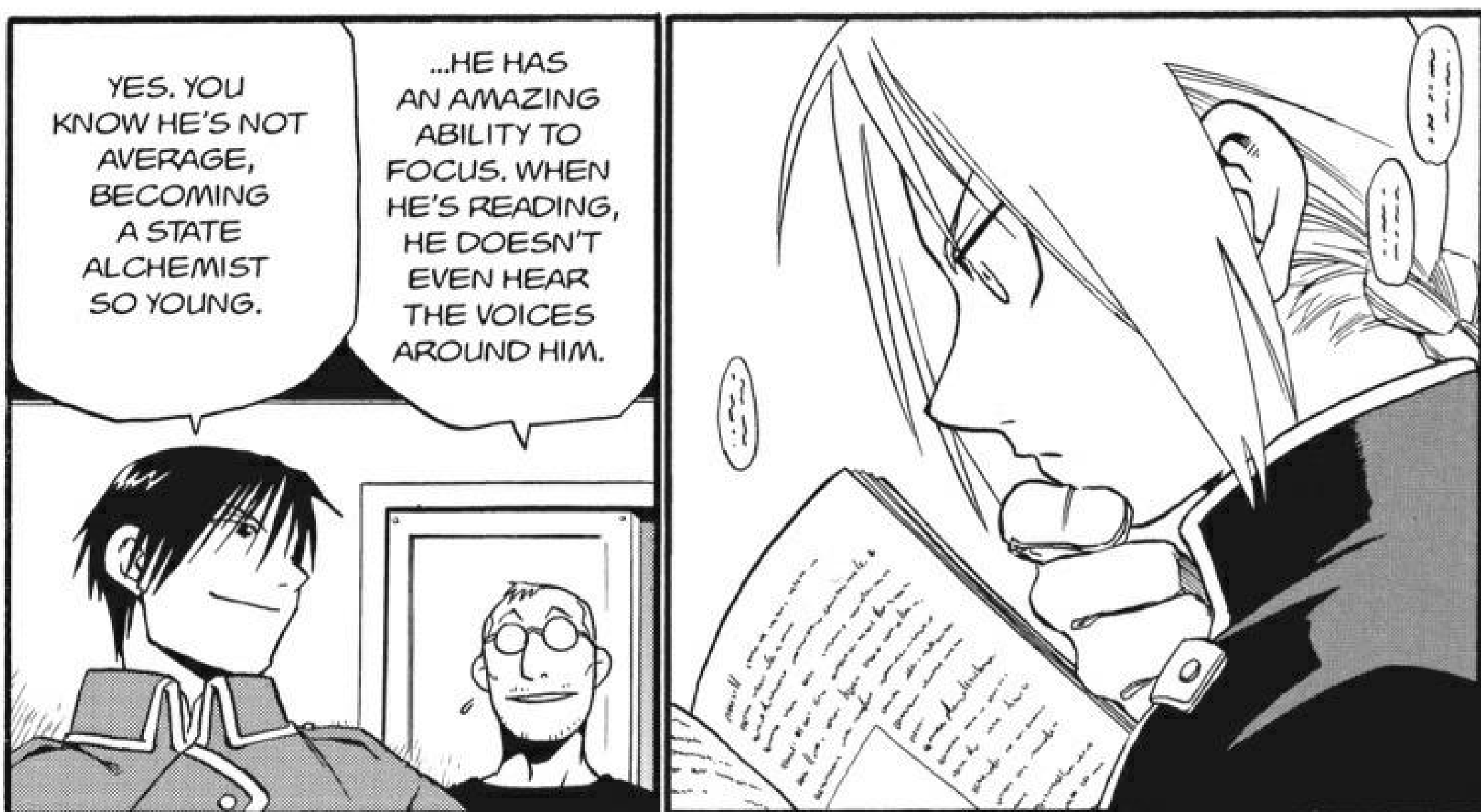
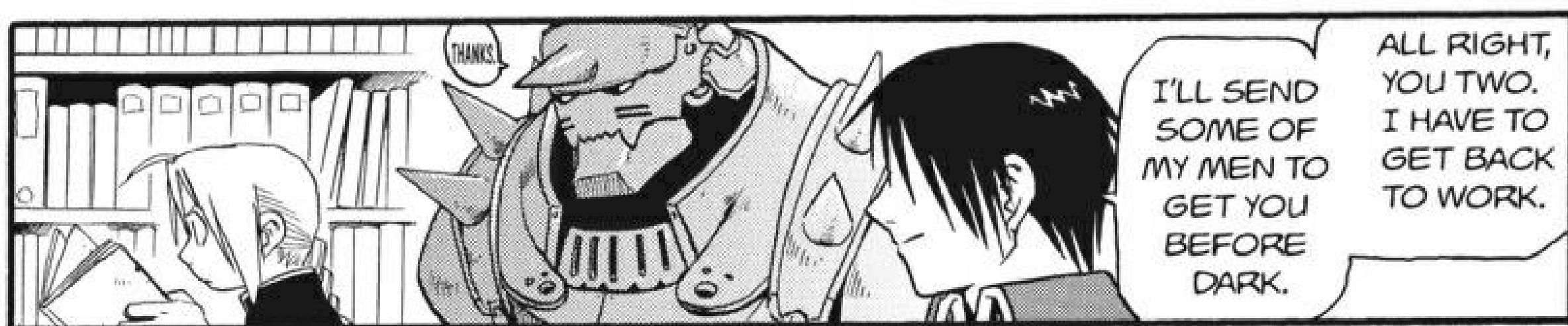
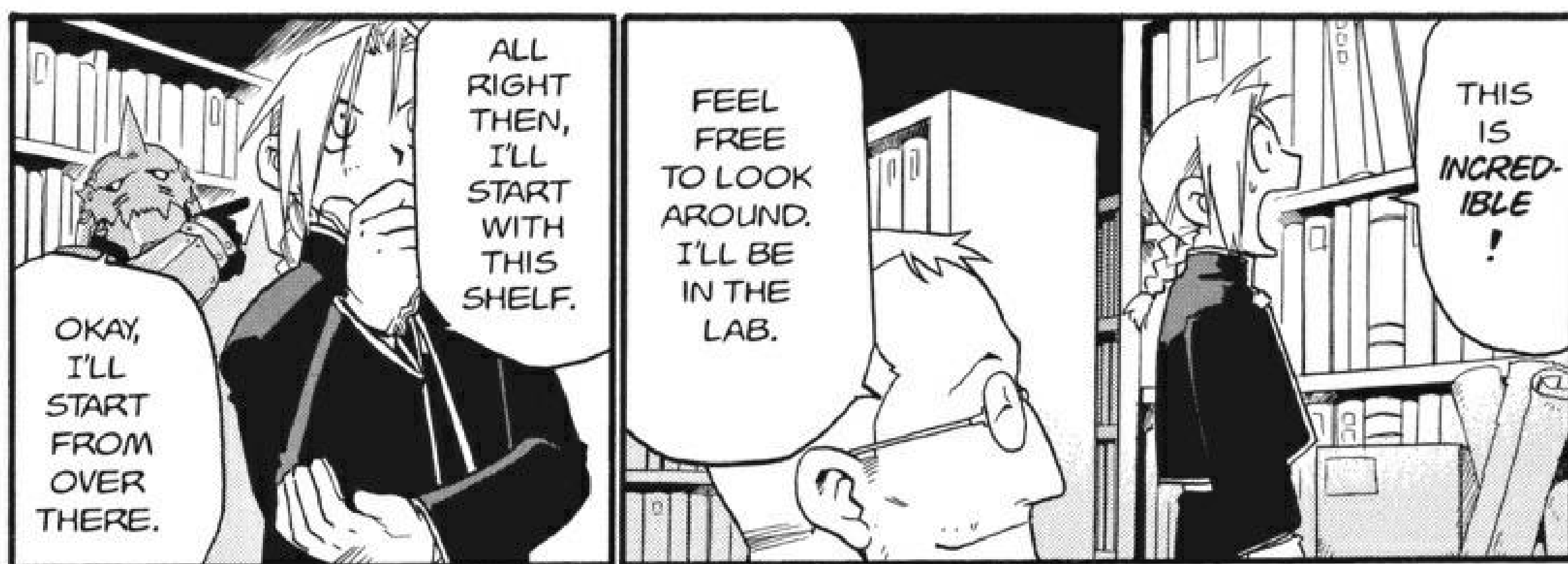
AHH...



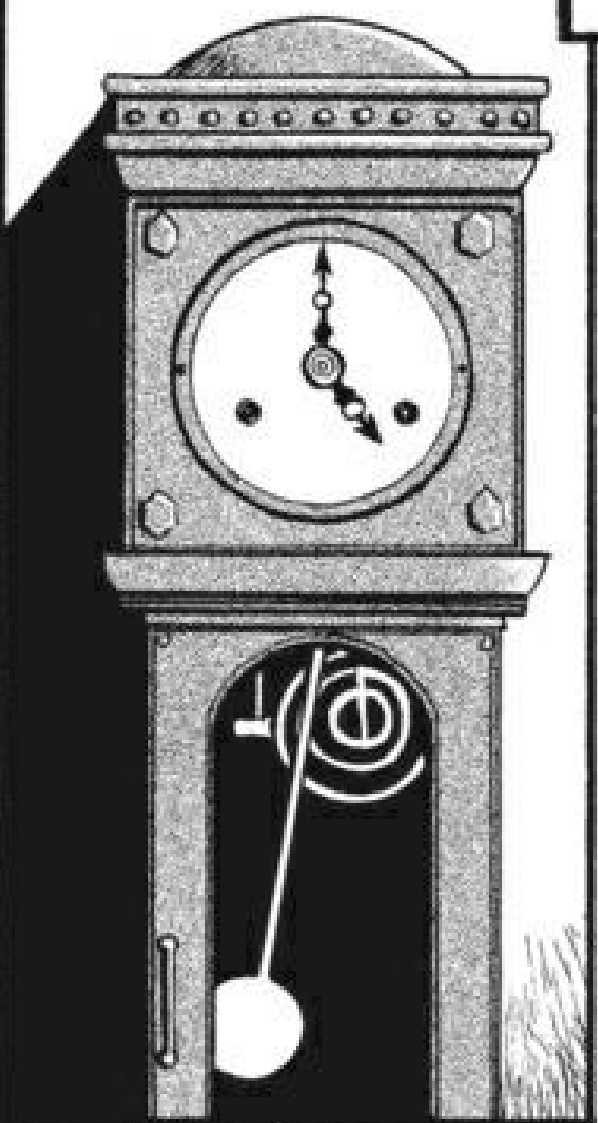
OOH!



THIS
IS
MY
FILE
ROOM.



GONG



I DIDN'T
REALIZE
THE
TIME...

GONG

GONG

UH-
OH.

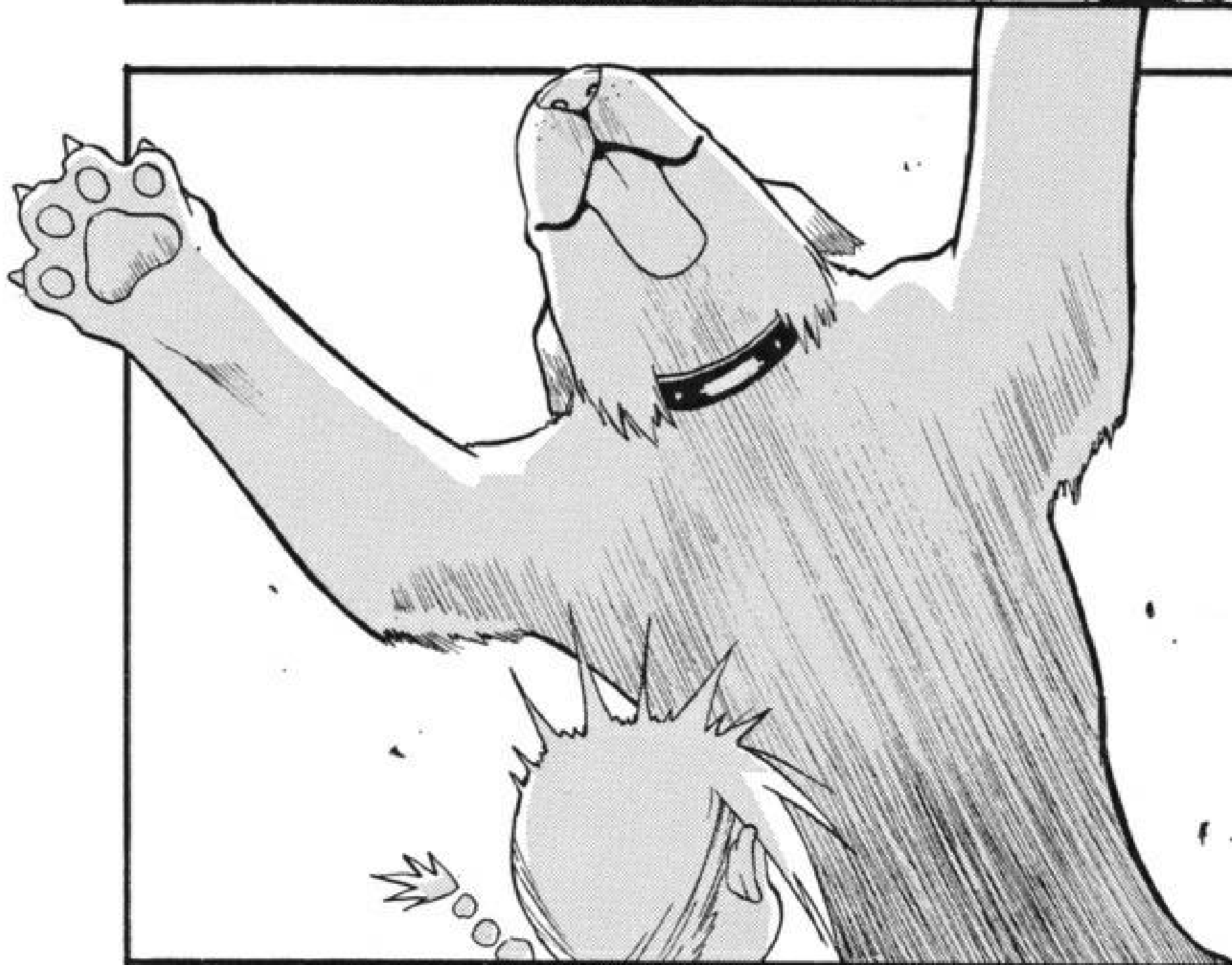
AGH!



GONG
GONG

ALPHONSE!
WHERE
ARE YOU?

AL!



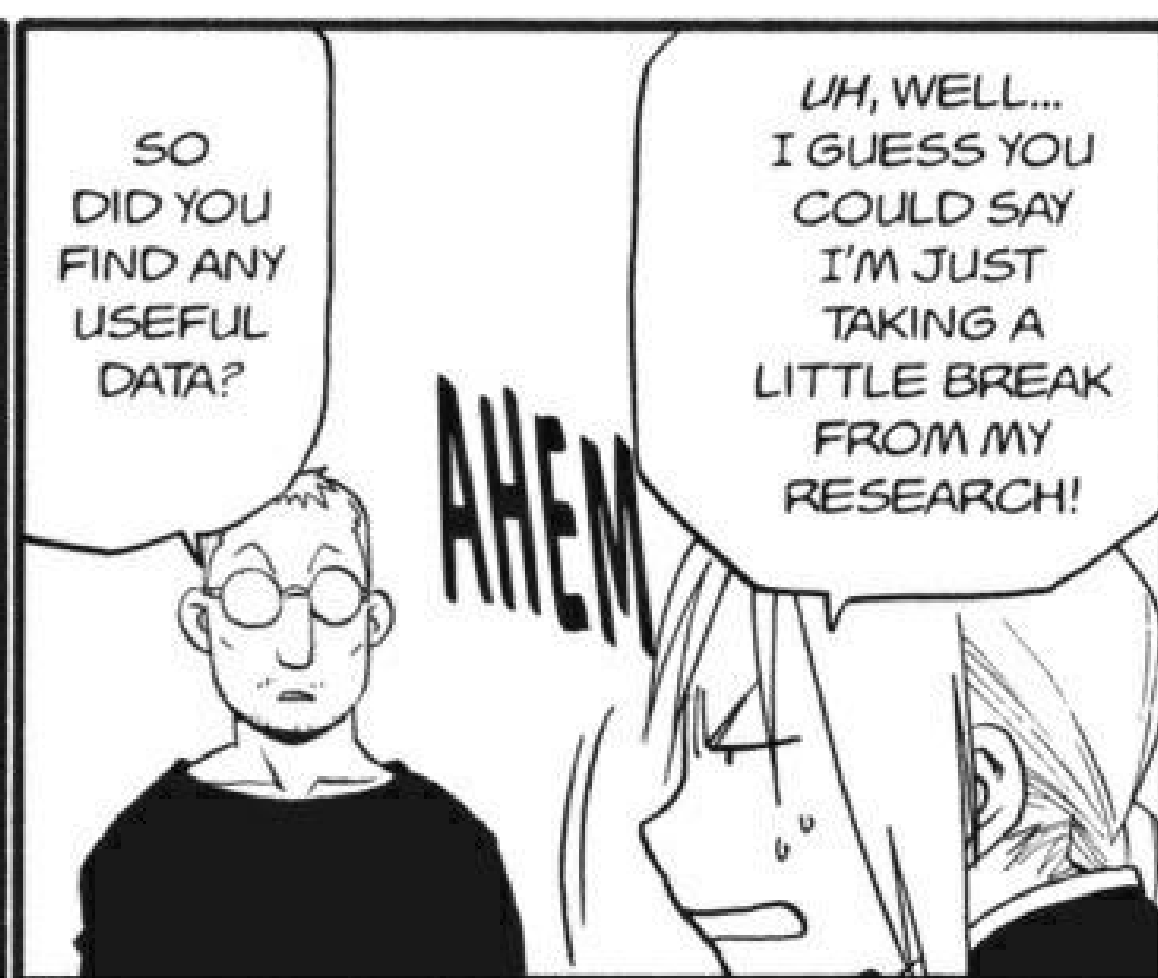
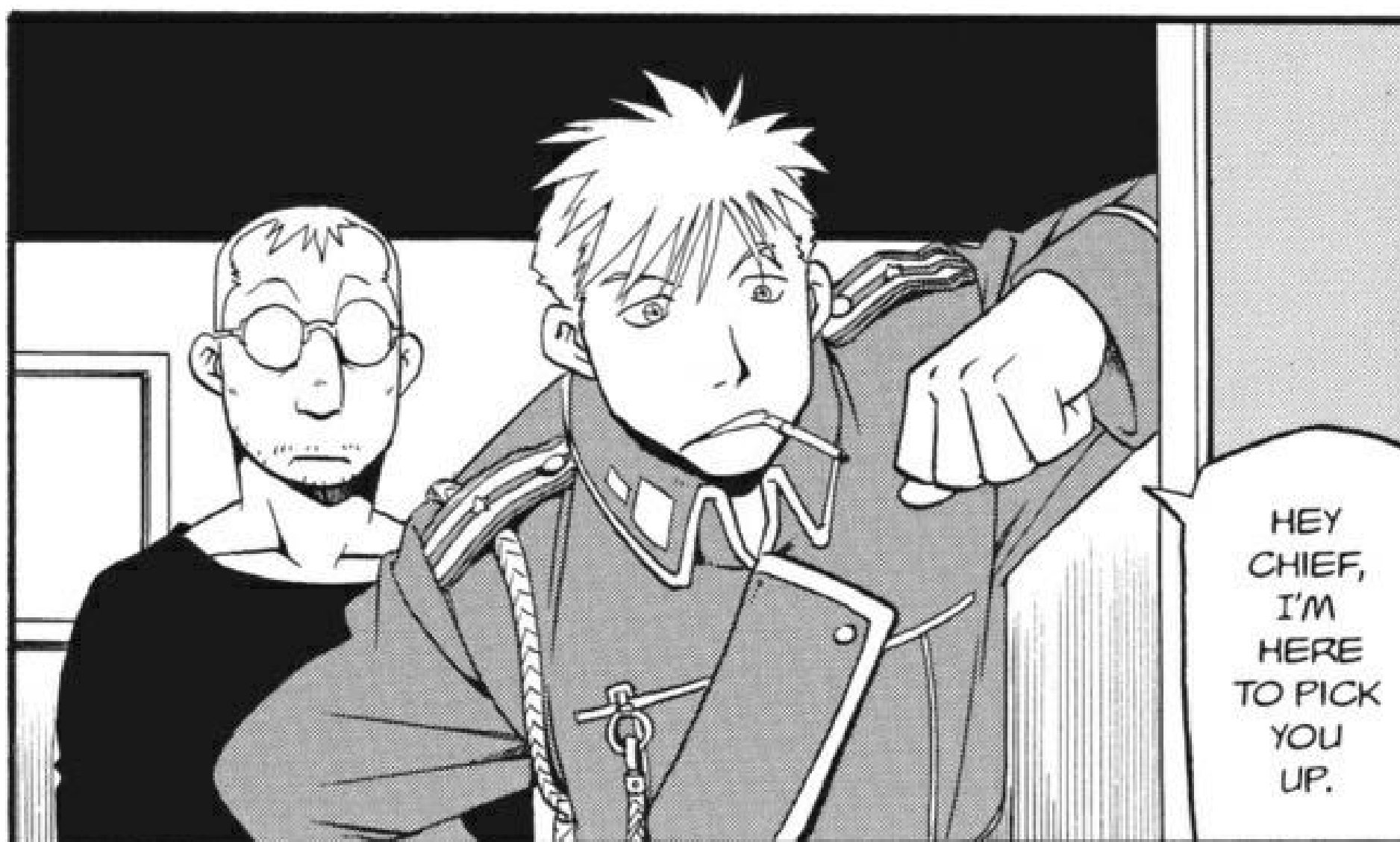
I
WONDER
WHERE
HE
WENT...

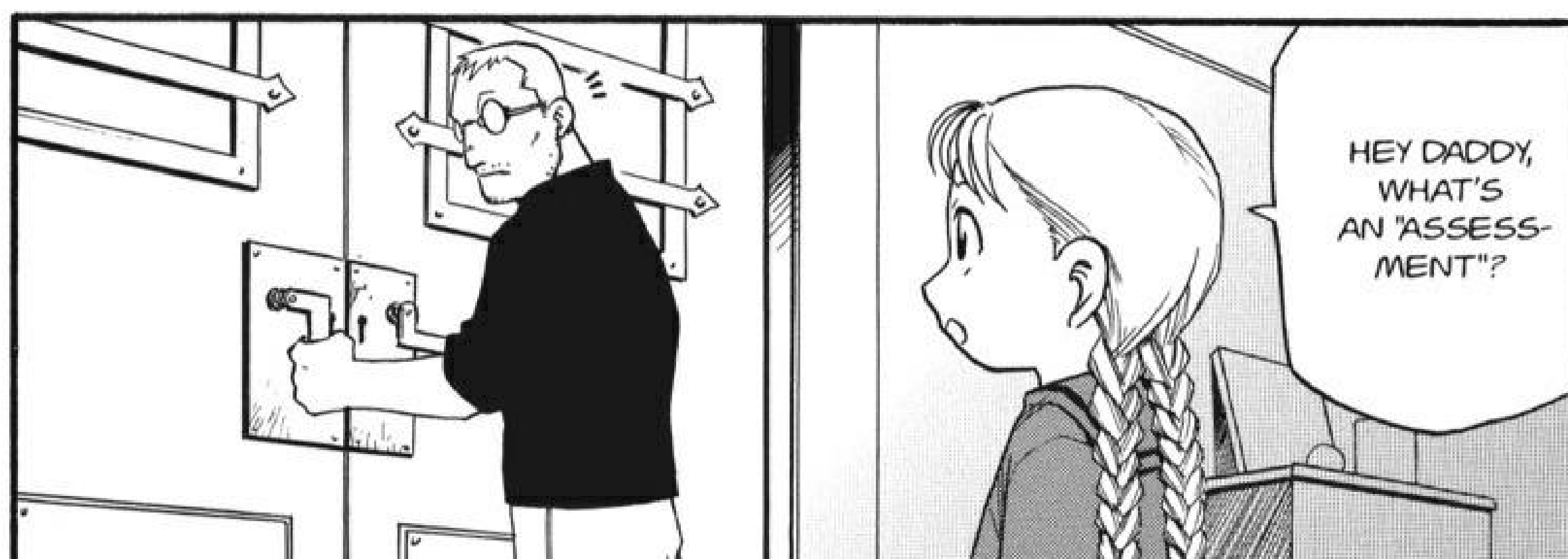
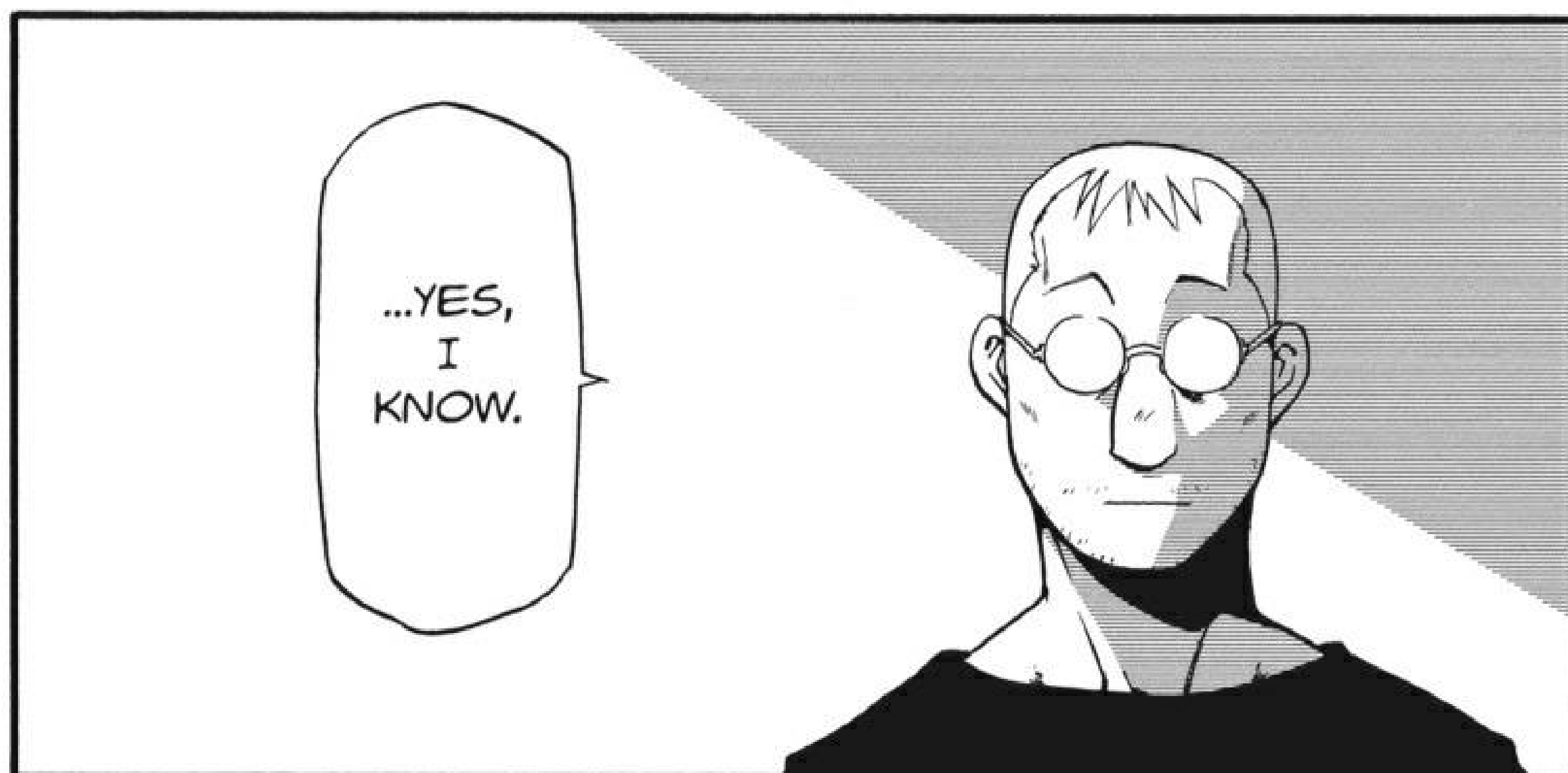
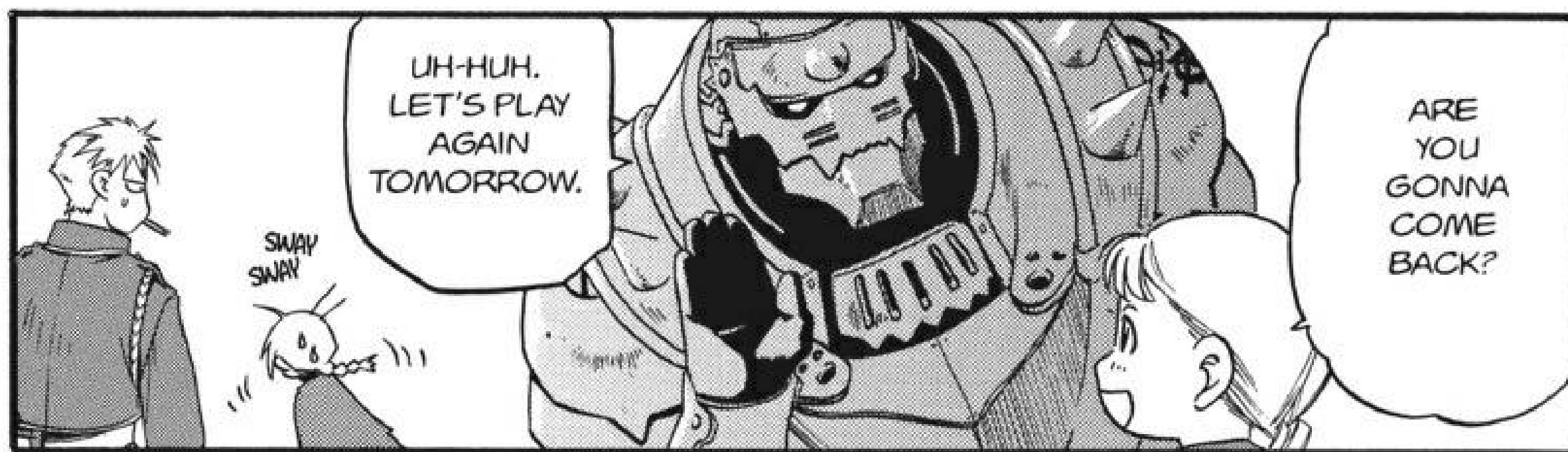


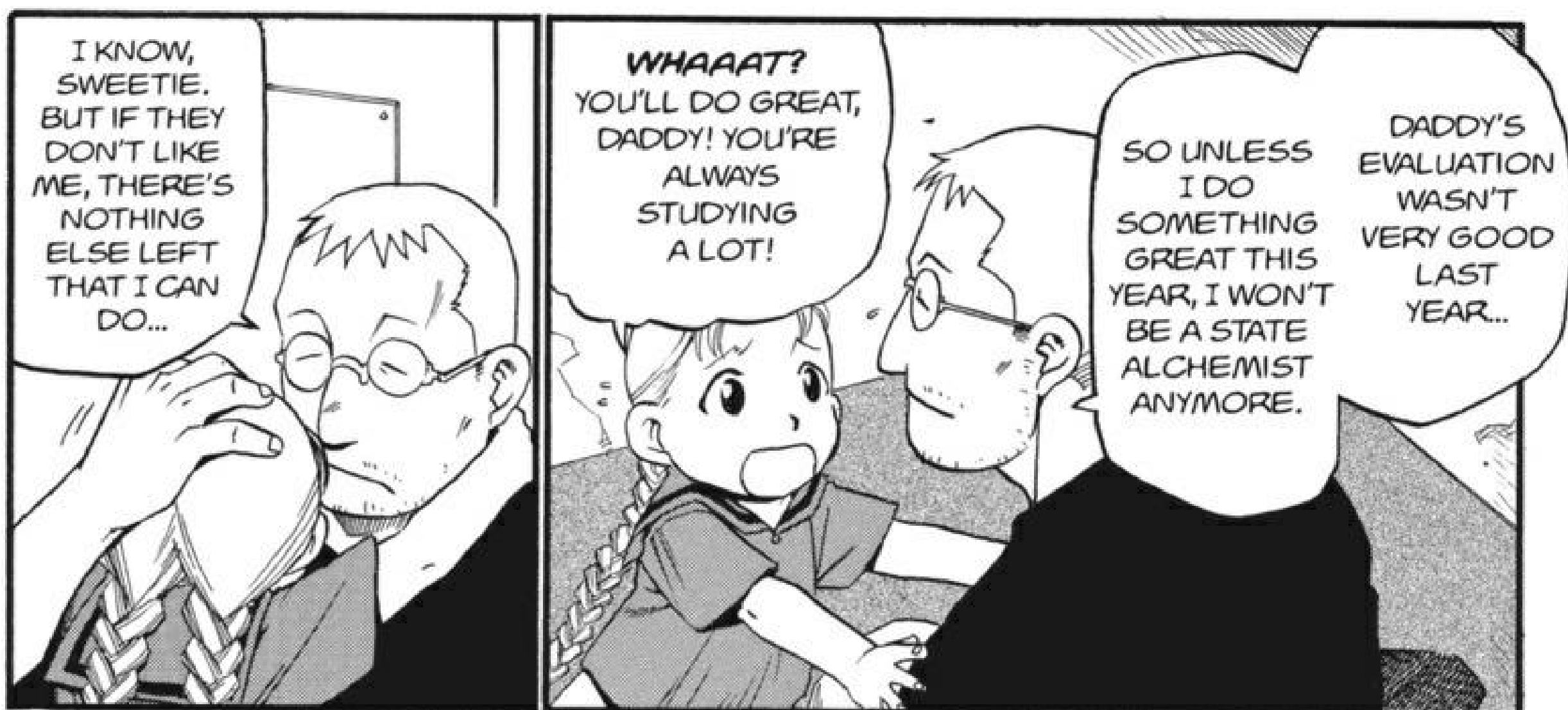
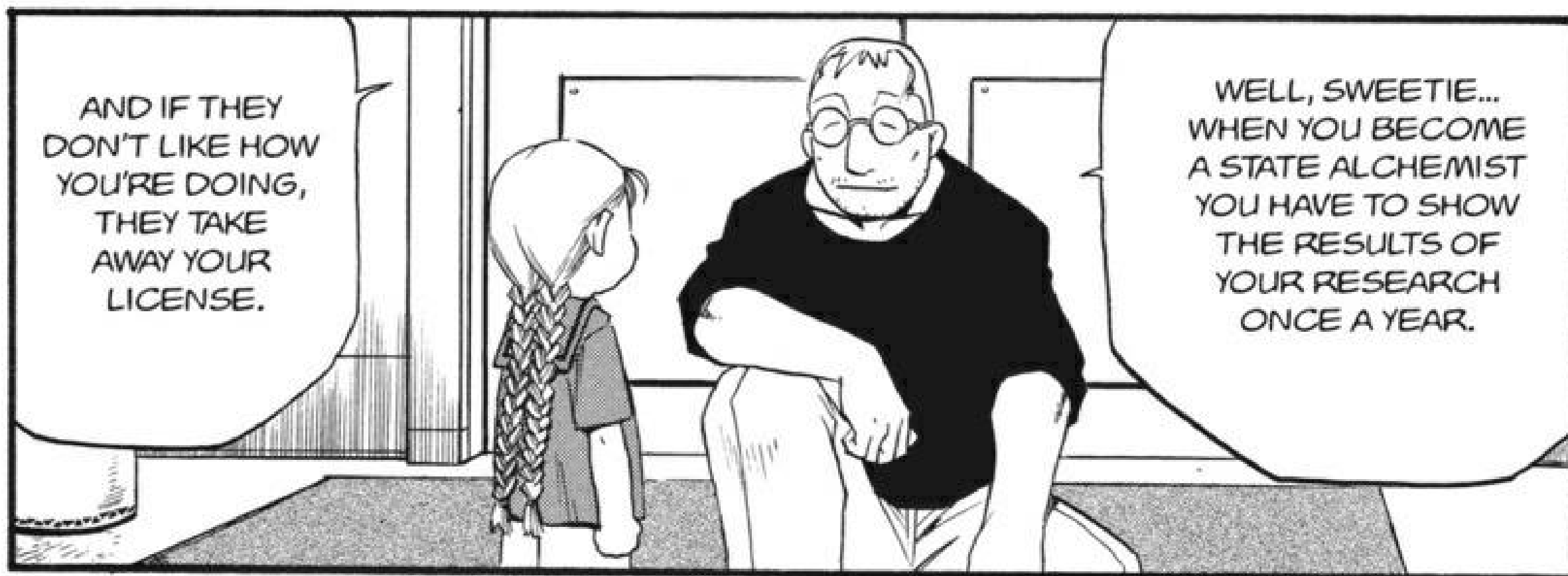
OH, HEY
BIG
BROTHER.

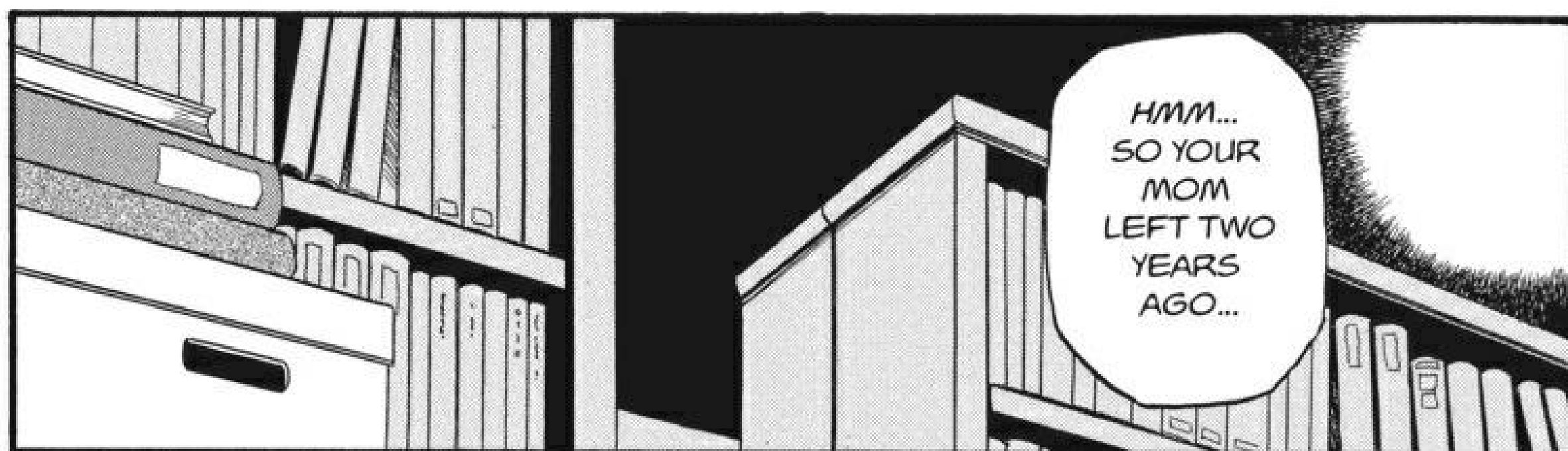


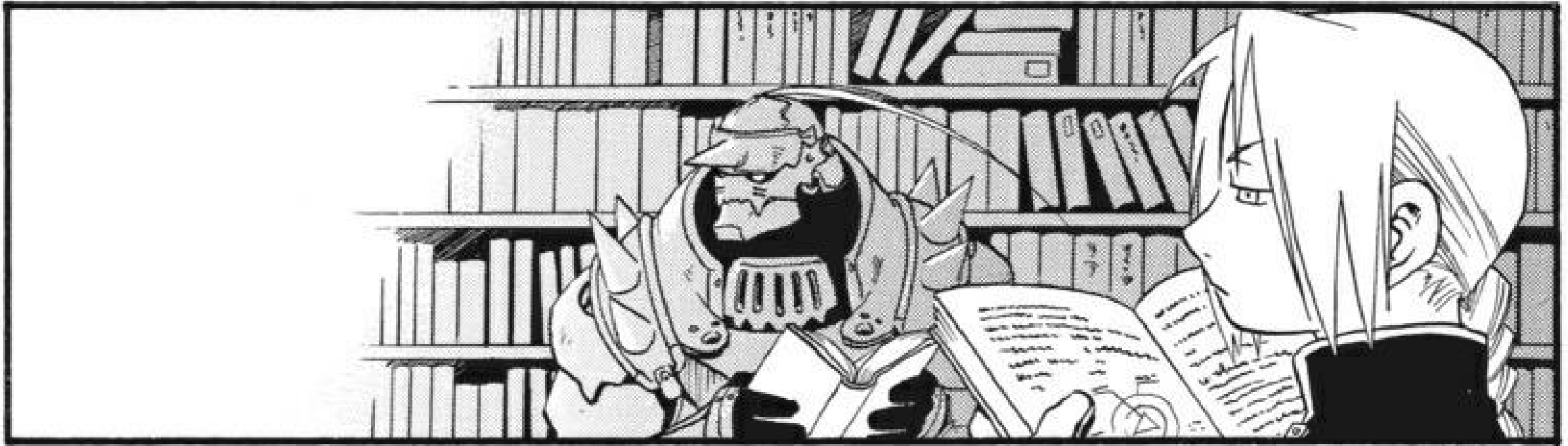
GYAAAGGH!

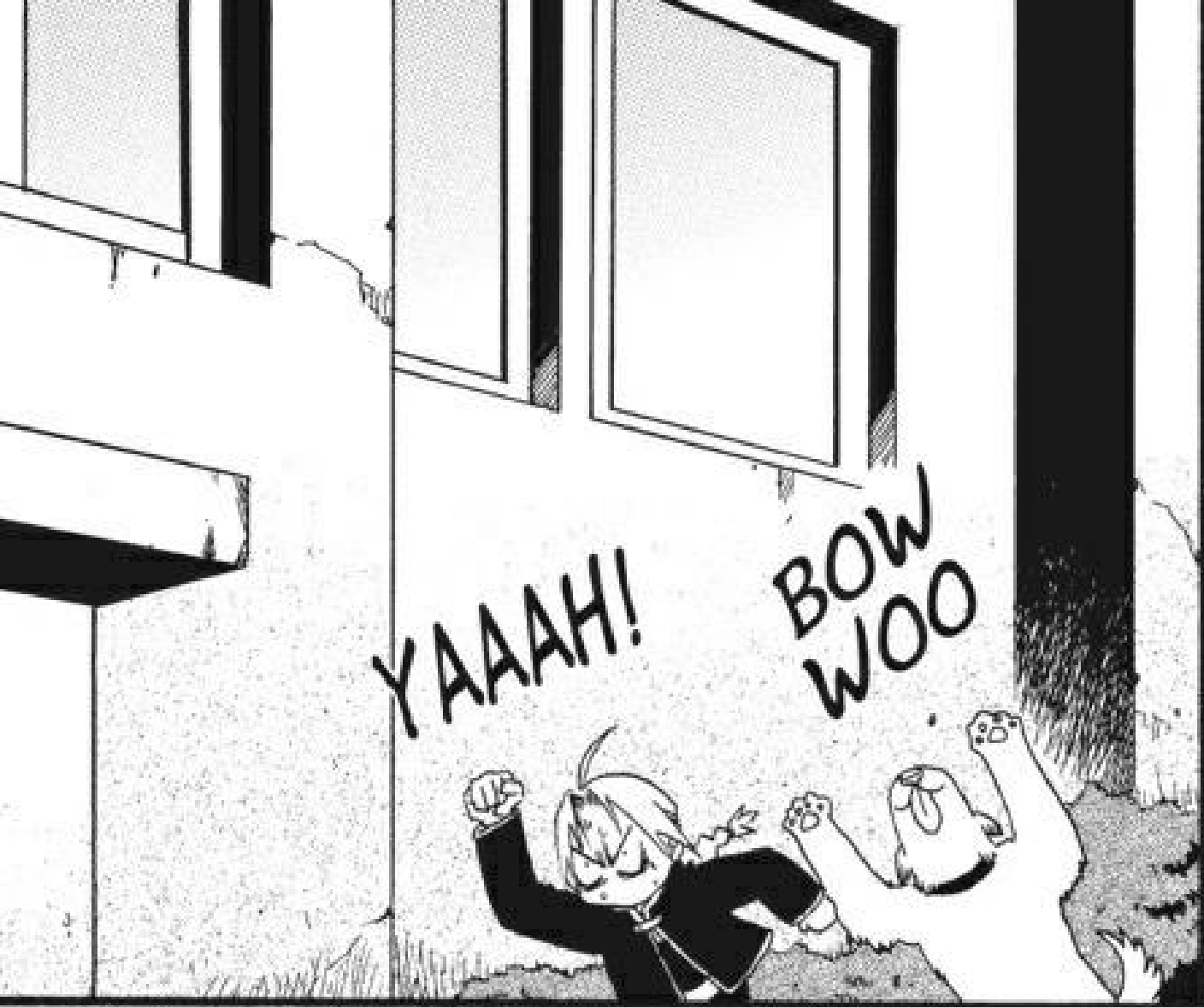


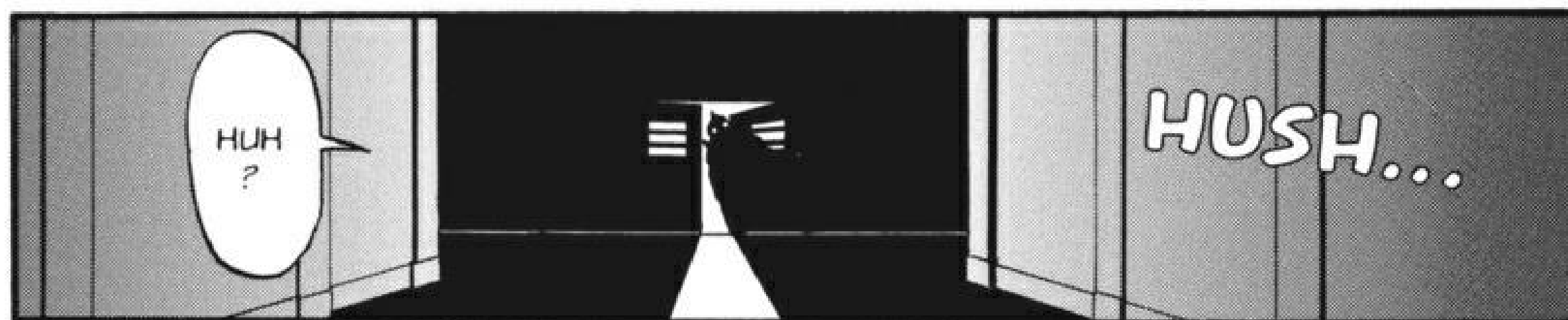
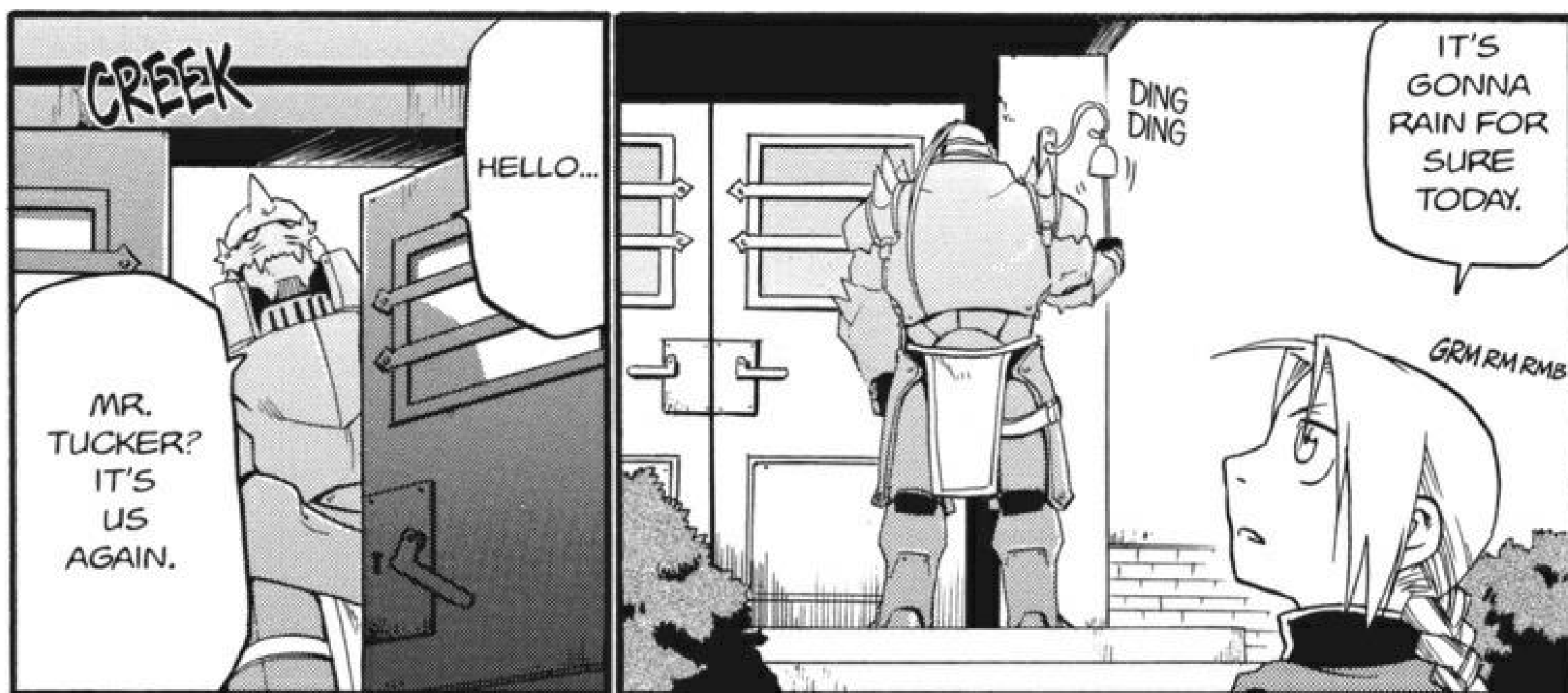
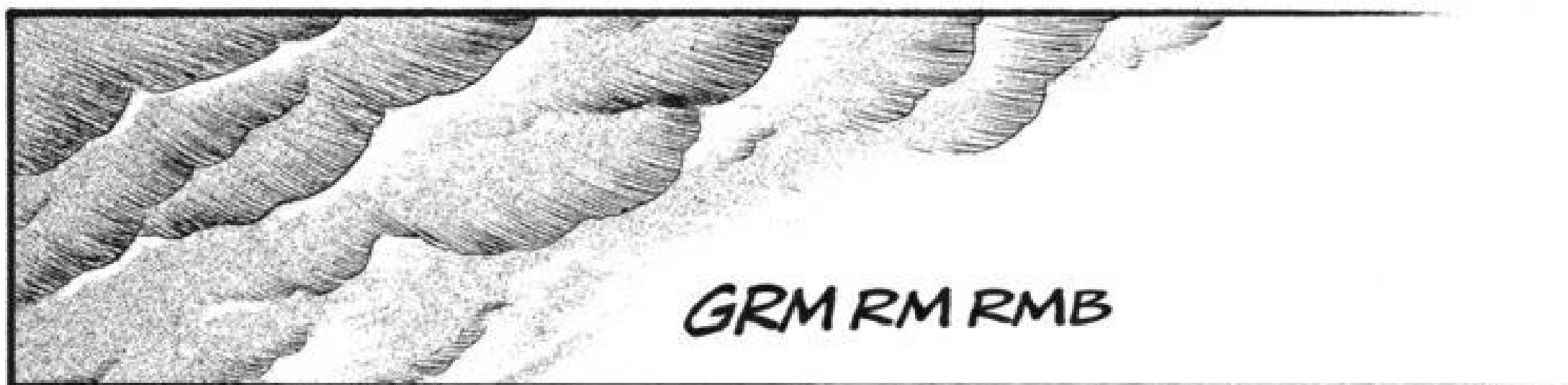


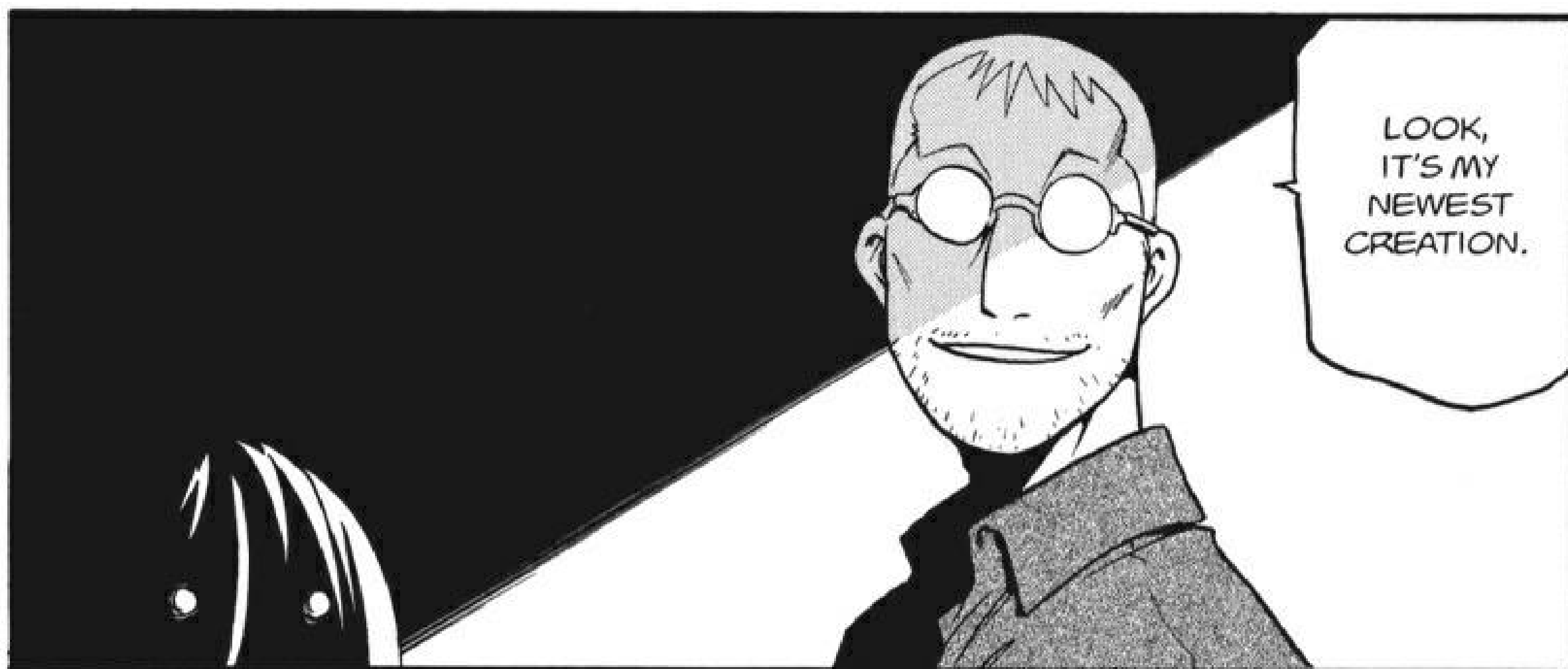
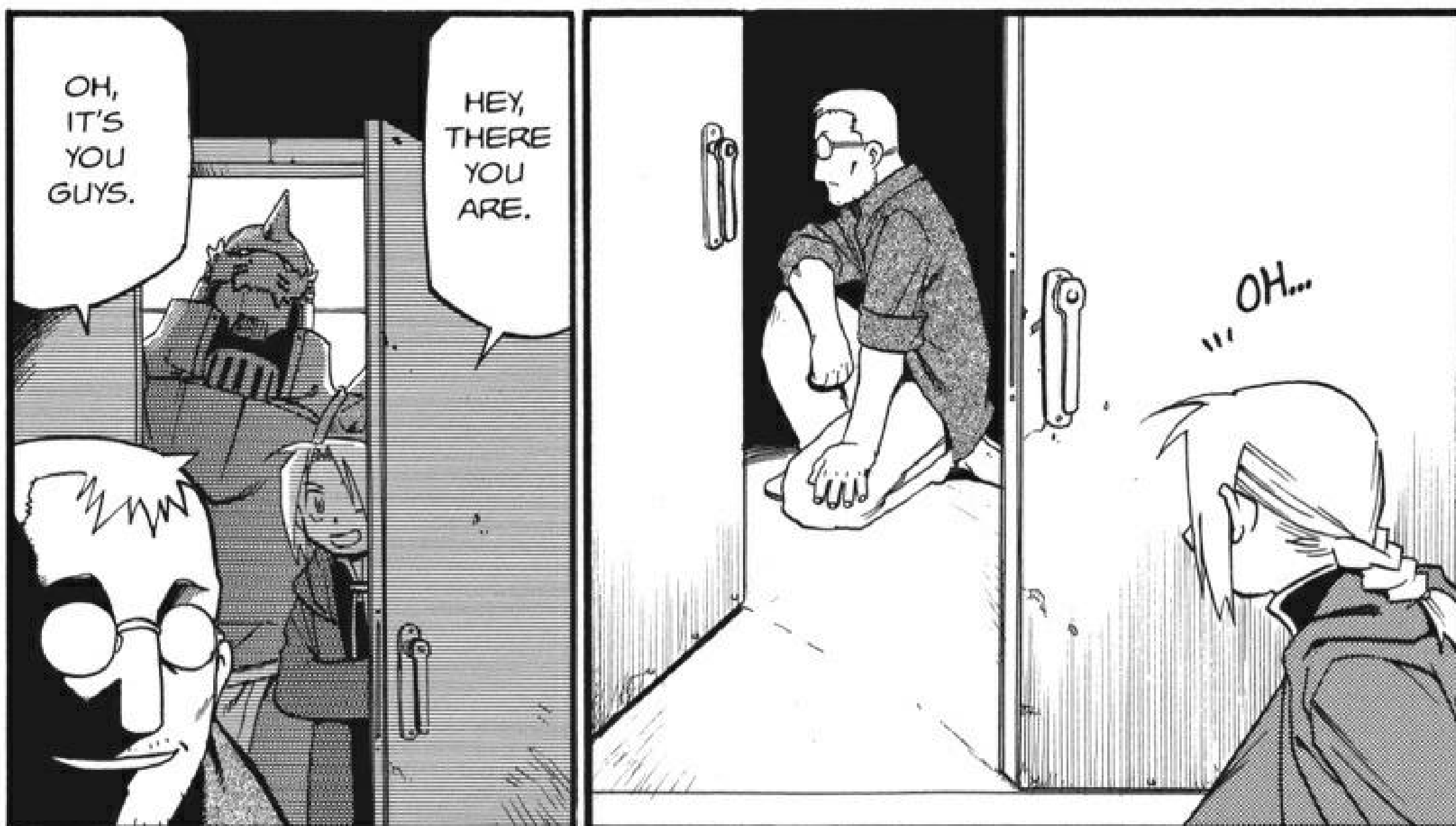
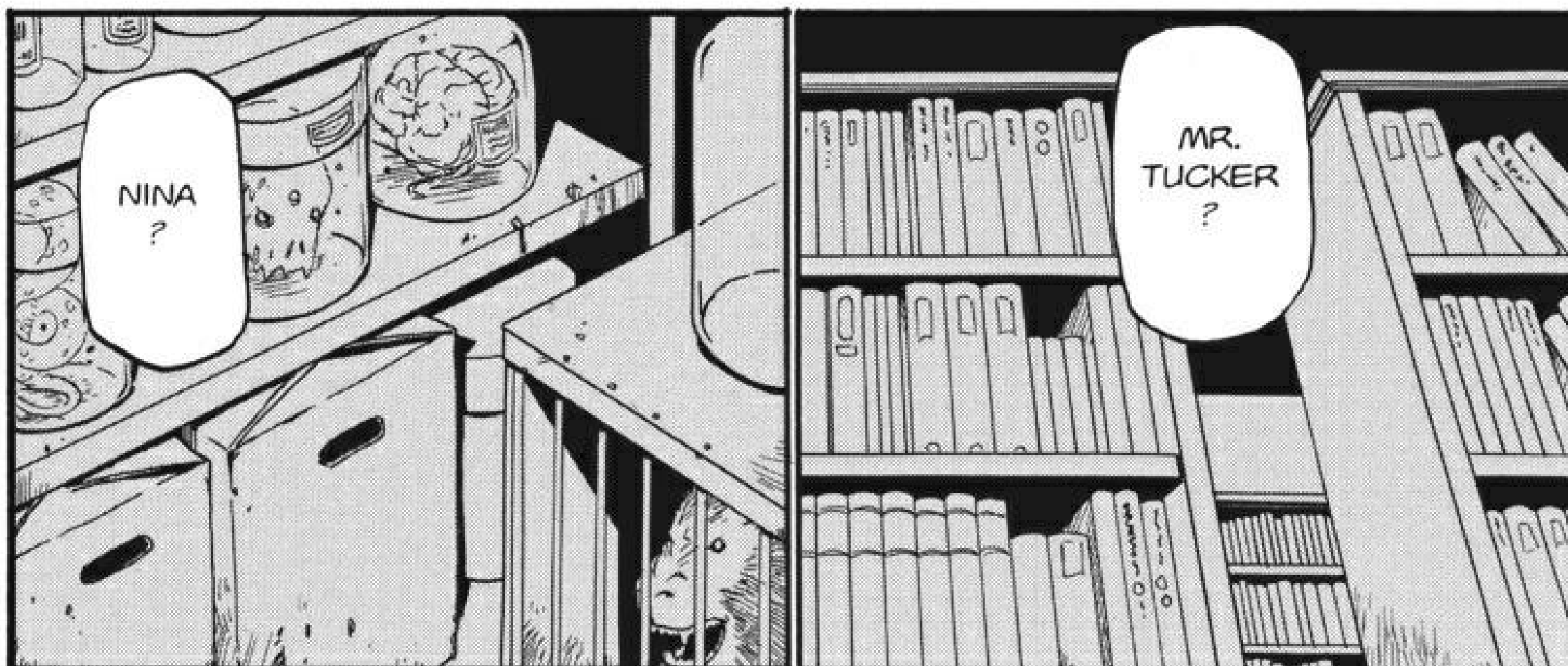


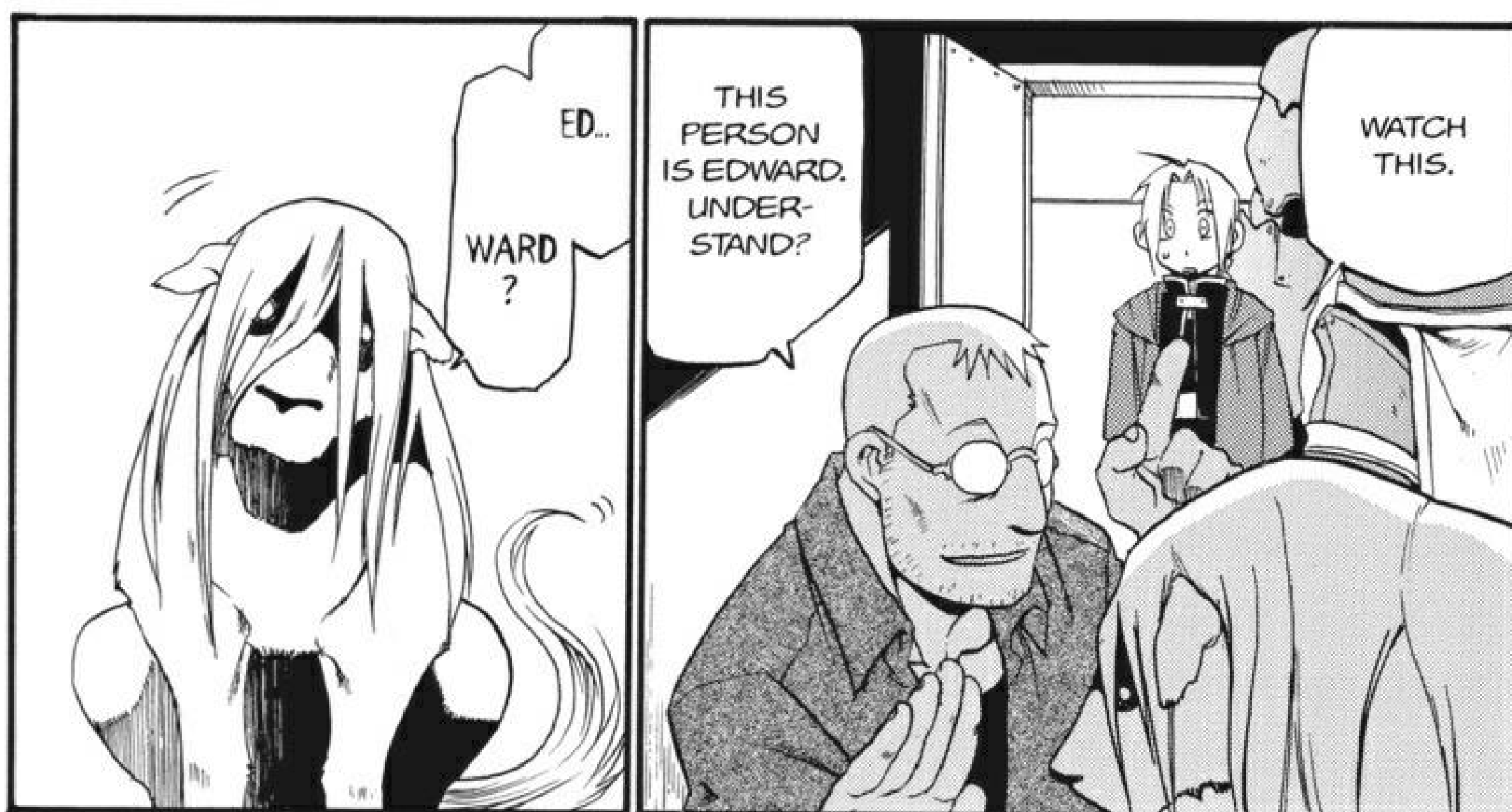


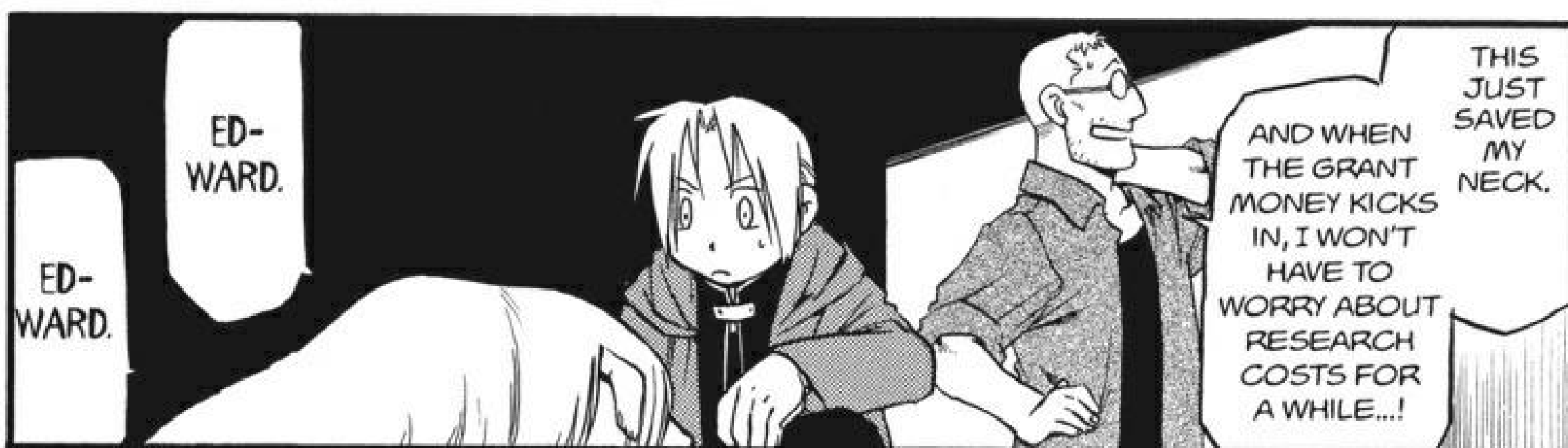












WHEN WAS IT
THAT YOU GOT
YOUR LICENSE?
BY MAKING THE
FIRST CHIMERA
THAT SPOKE
HUMAN
WORDS?



MR.
TUCKER...

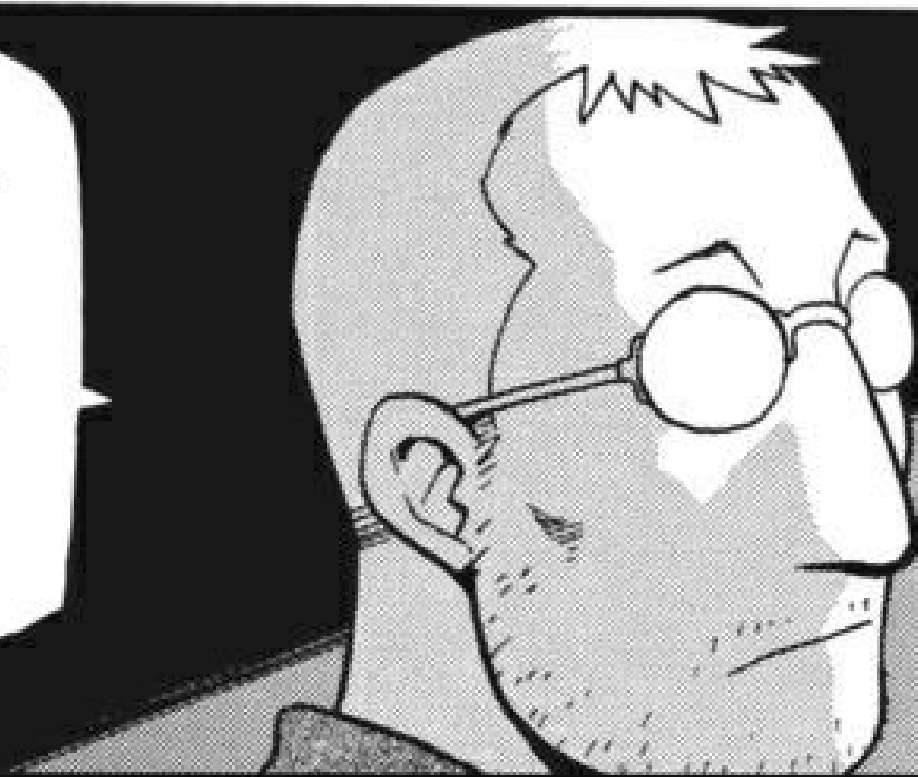
UH...
THAT
WAS
TWO
YEARS
AGO.



AND
WHEN DID
YOUR WIFE
LEAVE?



...THAT
WAS
TWO
YEARS
AGO
TOO.



CAN I
ASK YOU
ONE
MORE
QUESTION
?

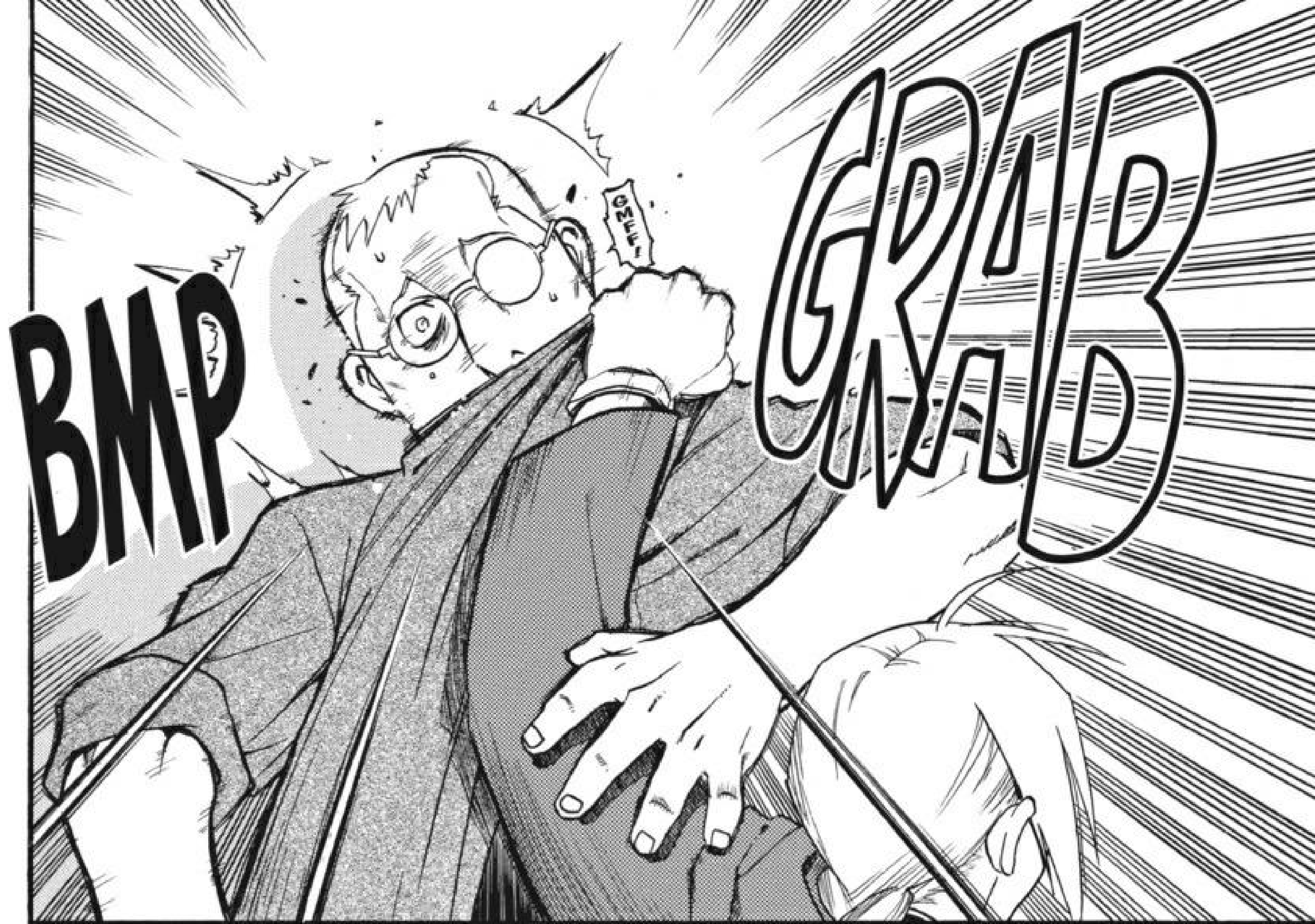


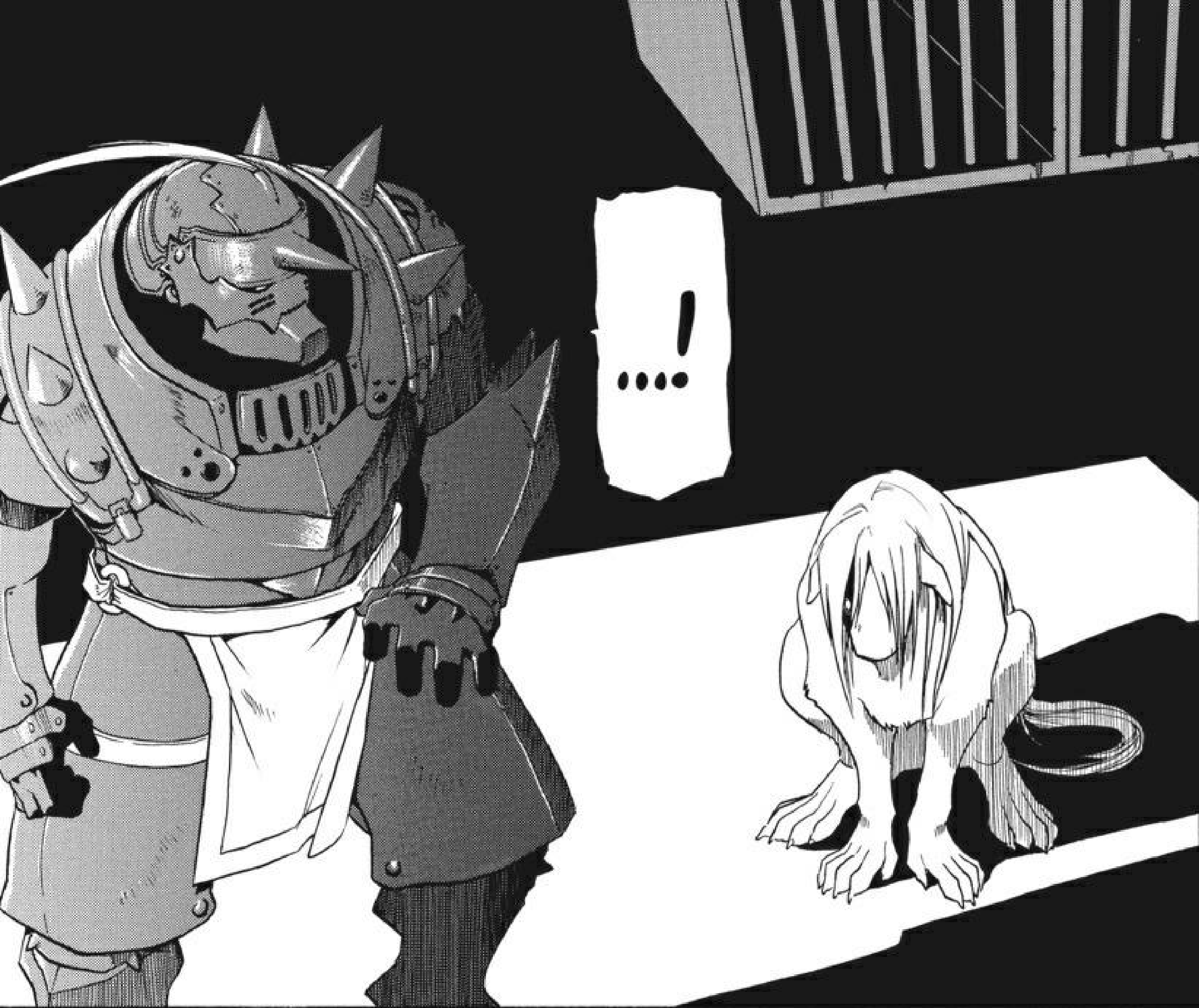


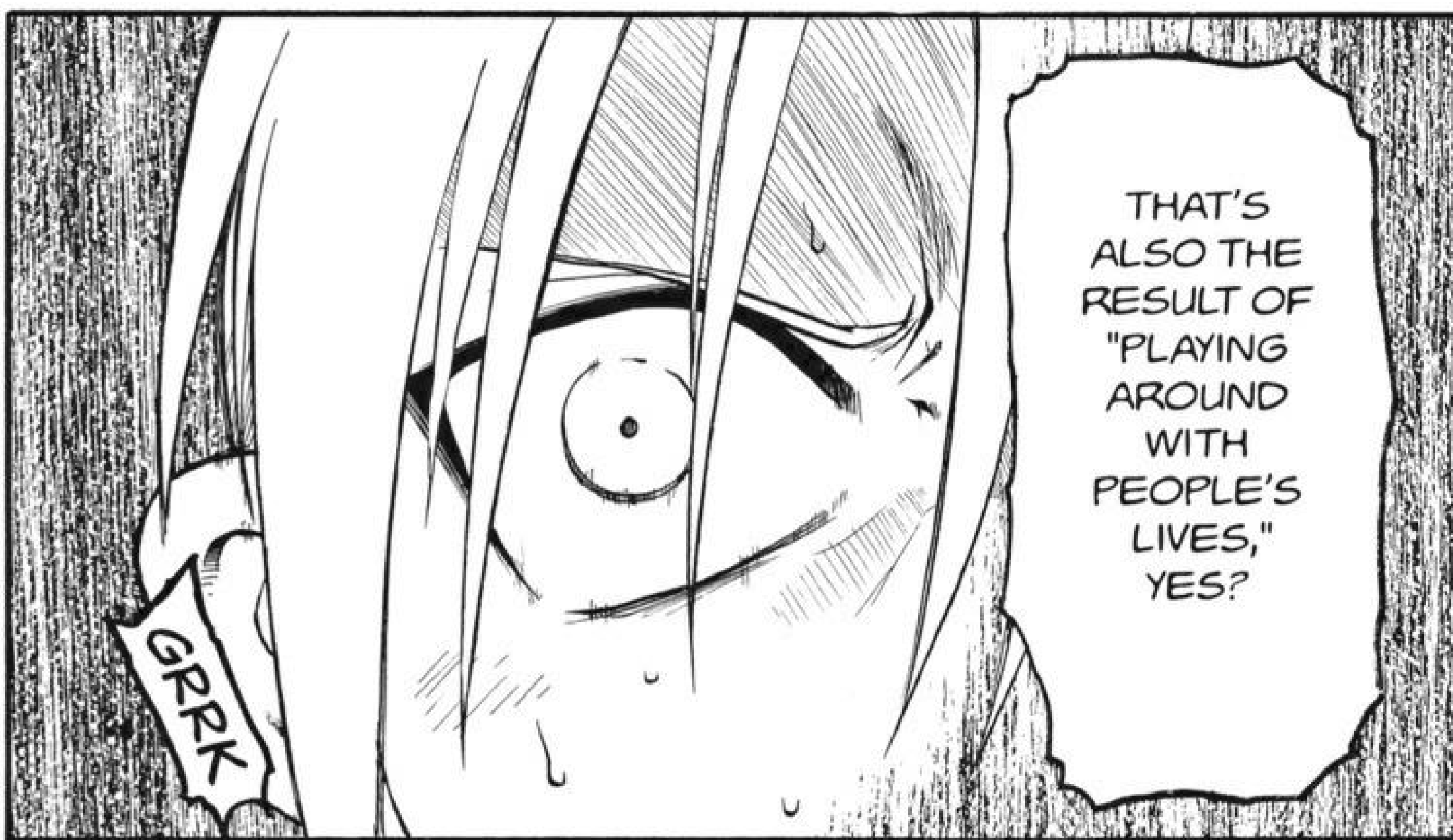
I HATE
PER-
CEPTIVE
BRATS
LIKE
YOU...

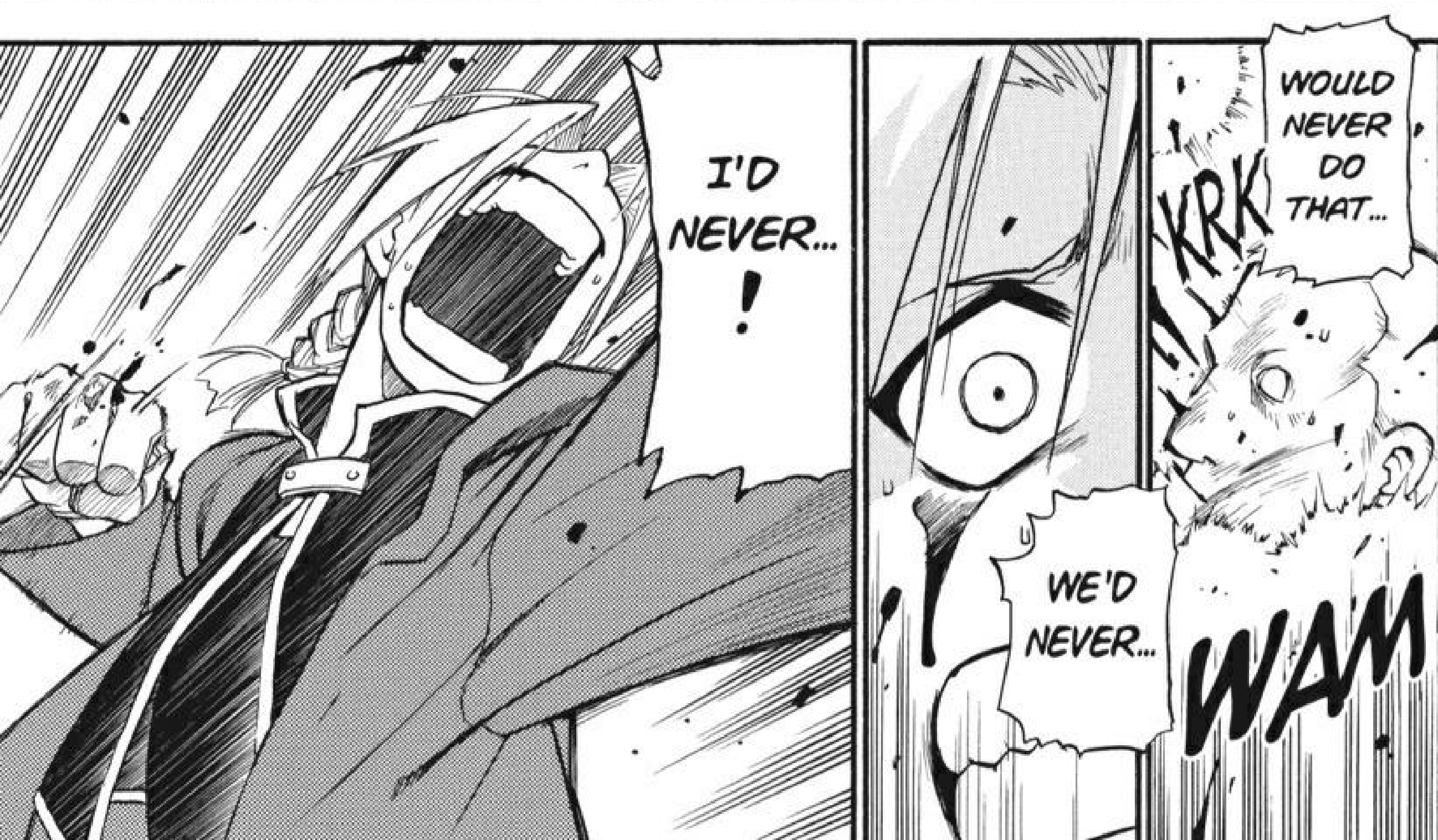
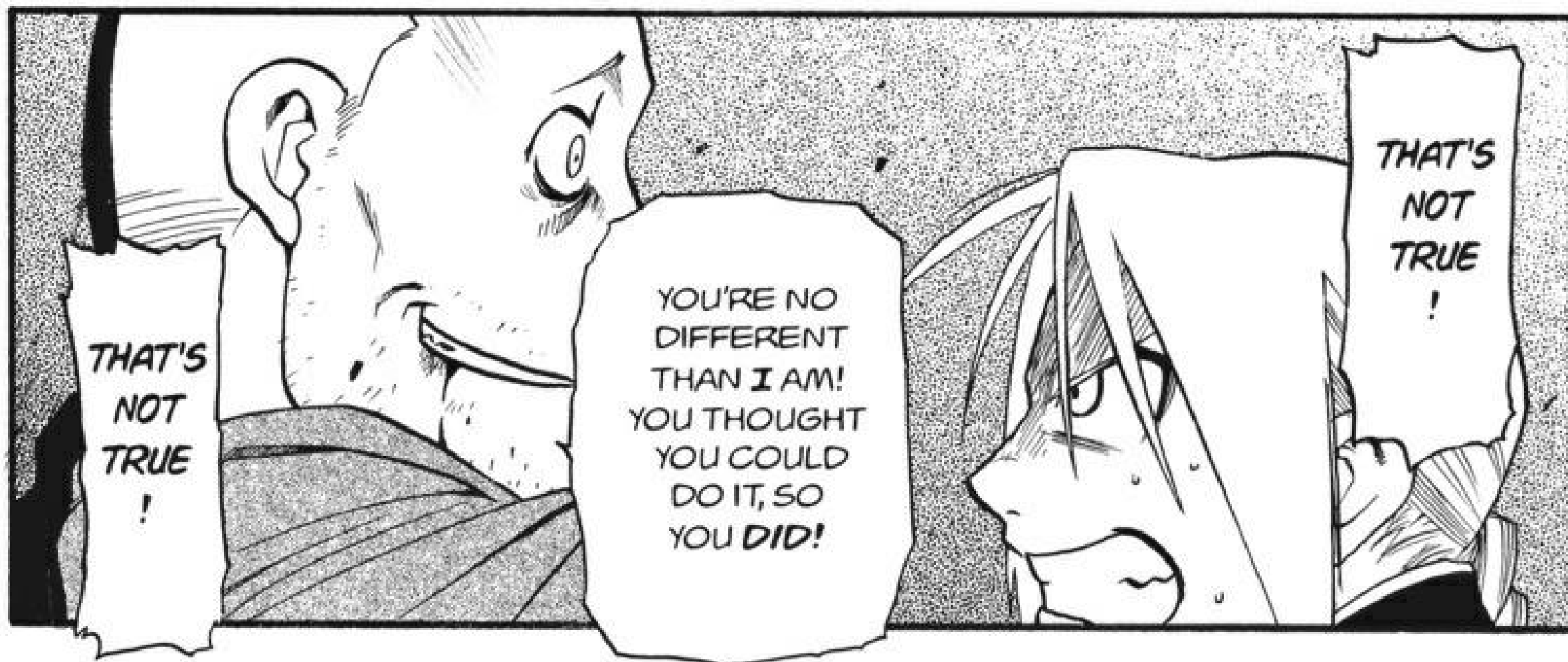


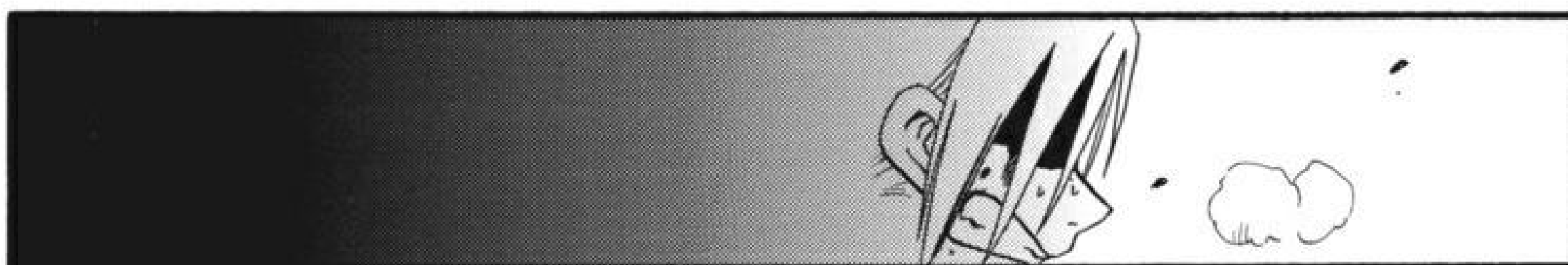
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO NINA
AND
ALEXANDER
?





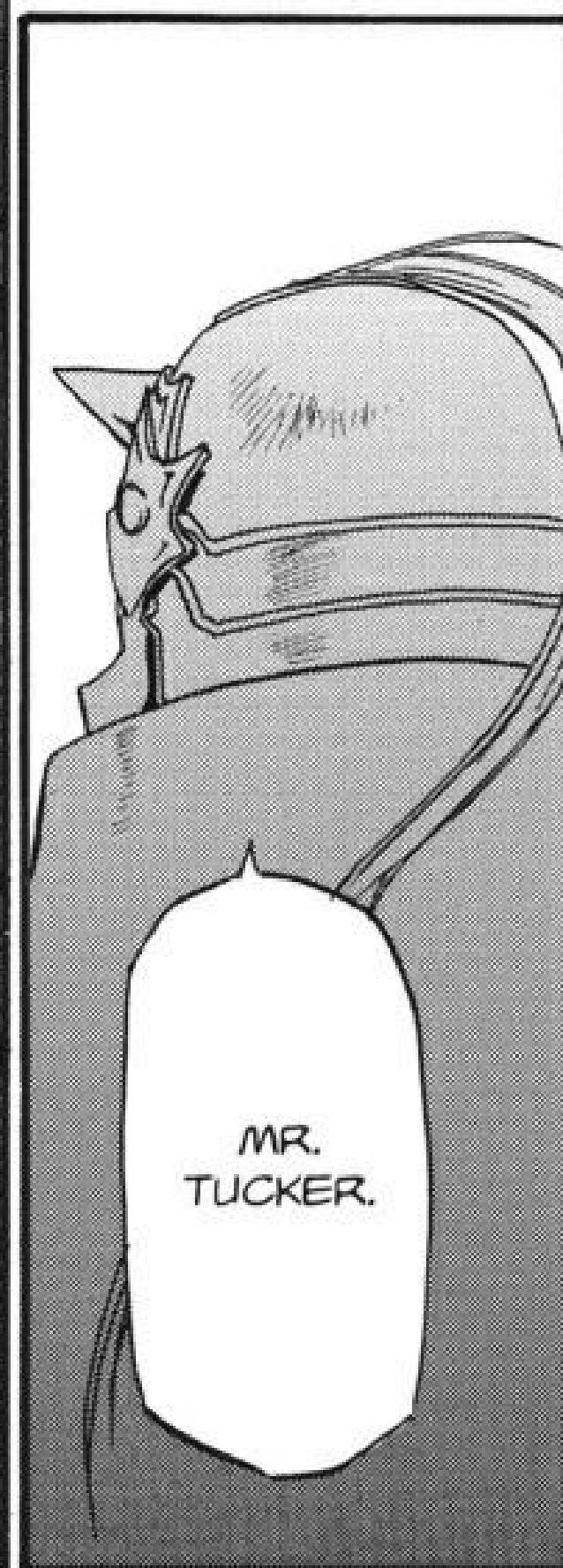








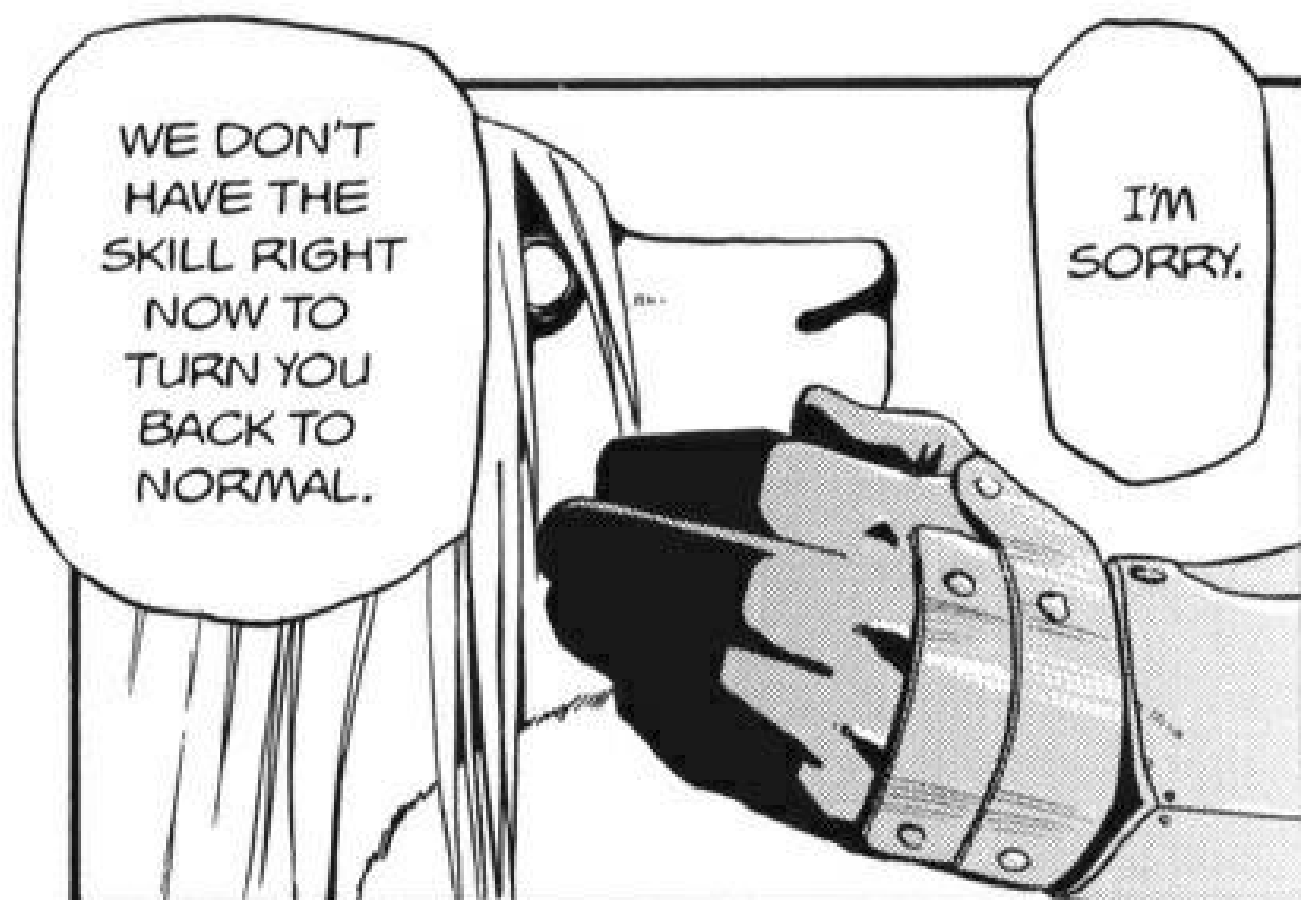
IF YOU SAY
ONE MORE
WORD, THIS
TIME I'LL
BE THE ONE
TO SNAP.



MR.
TUCKER.

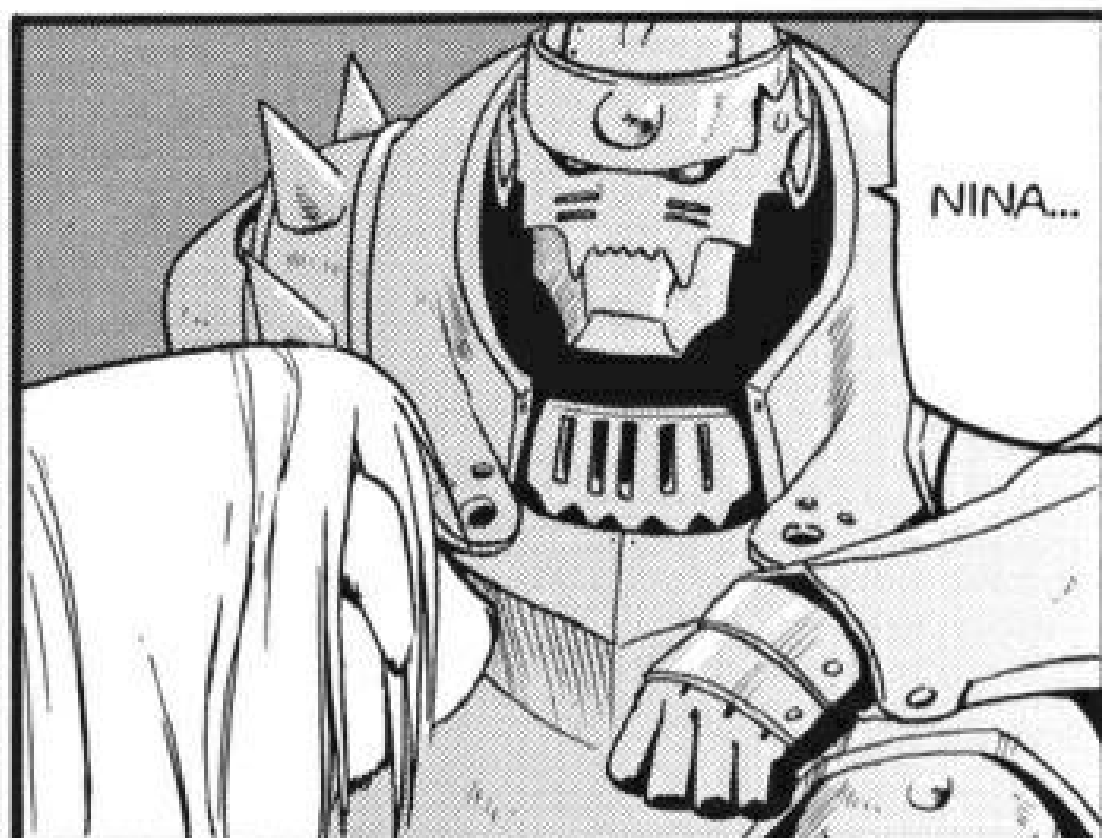


ghh...



WE DON'T
HAVE THE
SKILL RIGHT
NOW TO
TURN YOU
BACK TO
NORMAL.

I'M
SORRY.



NINA...



I'M
SO
SORRY.

I'M
SORRY.



SHAAAAA

WAN-
NA
PLAY.

WAN-
NA
PLAY.



WAN-
NA...

...PLAY.



WE DO WHAT
THEY WANT,
WE OBEY
ORDERS, AND
WE DON'T
COMPLAIN
IF OUR HANDS
GET DIRTY
IN THE
PROCESS.

TO PUT IT
BLUNTLY,
ALL STATE
ALCHEMISTS
ARE NOTHING
BUT THE
MILITARY'S
HUMAN
WEAPONS.

"THE
DEVIL...
?"

IF THERE
EVER
TRULY WAS
"THE WORK
OF THE
DEVIL,"
THEN THIS
WAS IT.

EVEN
THOUGH
EDWARD
ACTS
OLDER
THAN HIS
YEARS,
HE'S
STILL A
CHILD.

THAT'S
THE
LOGIC
OF AN
ADULT,
SIR.

MY POINT BEING
THAT WHEN IT
COMES TO MESSING
WITH HUMAN LIVES,
TUCKER'S ACTIONS
AREN'T SO
DIFFERENT FROM
OUR OWN.

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
FULL-
METAL
?

YES. BUT THE PATH
THAT HE'S CHOSEN
WILL NO DOUBT
LEAD TO HARDSHIPS
GREATER THAN
HE FACED TODAY.

KLMP

HE HAS
TO MOVE
FORWARD...
EVEN IF IT
MEANS
FORCING
HIMSELF
TO UNDER-
STAND.



BE
QUIET.



HOW
LONG
DO YOU
PLAN ON
STAYING
DEPRESSED
?



CAN YOU
AFFORD
TO BE HELD
BACK BY
SOME-
THING SO
SMALL?

EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE
CALL YOU A "DOG OF
THE MILITARY" AND A "DEVIL,"
IT WAS **YOU** WHO CHOSE
TO KEEP STUDYING ALCHEMY.
YOU **CHOSE** TO JOIN THE
MILITARY, WHEN YOU COULD
HAVE LIVED THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE AS BEST YOU
CAN WITH THE BODY
YOU HAVE.



BUT
WE'RE
NOT
DEVILS
OR
GODS.



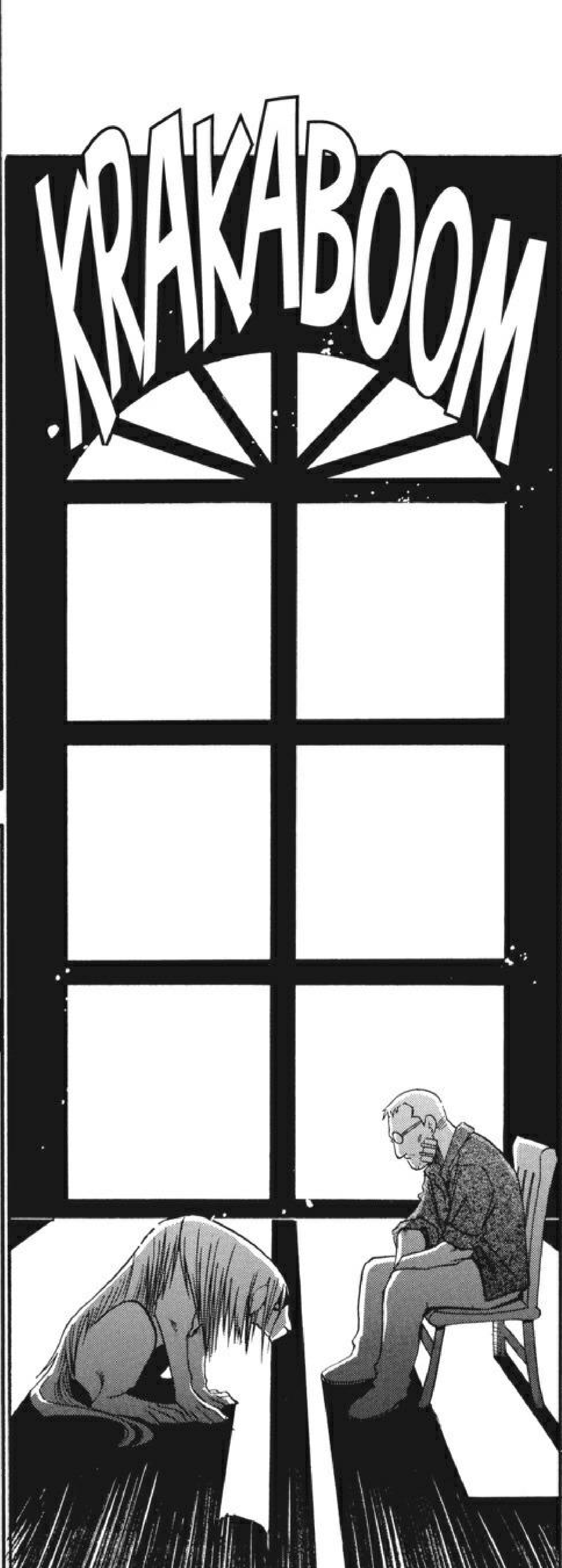
YOU'RE RIGHT.
PEOPLE MAY
CALL US DOGS OR
DEVILS, BUT AL
AND I WILL GET
OUR ORIGINAL
BODIES BACK.



"SOME-
THING
SO
SMALL" ...
?



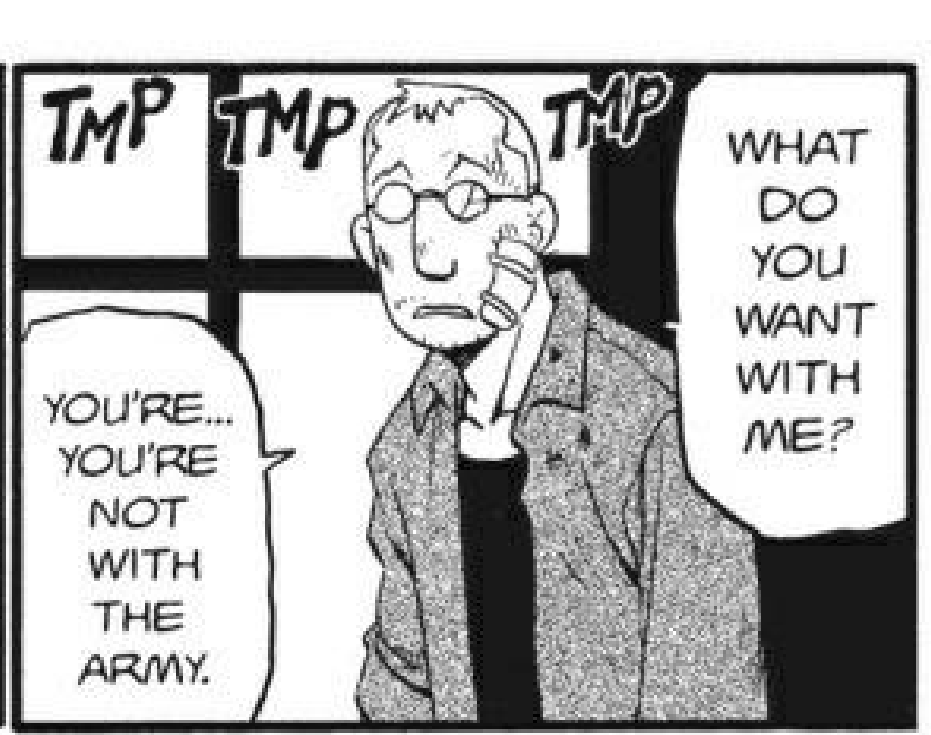
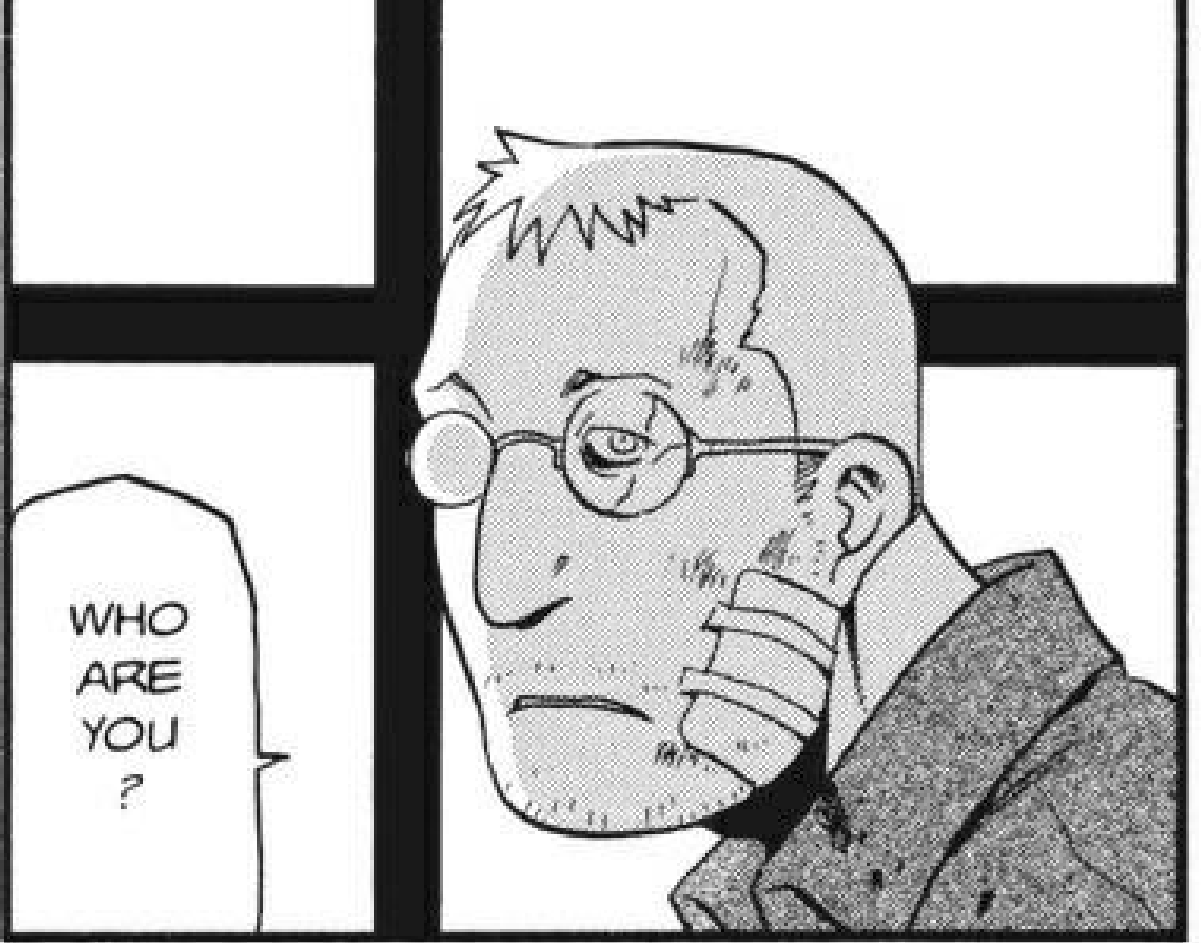




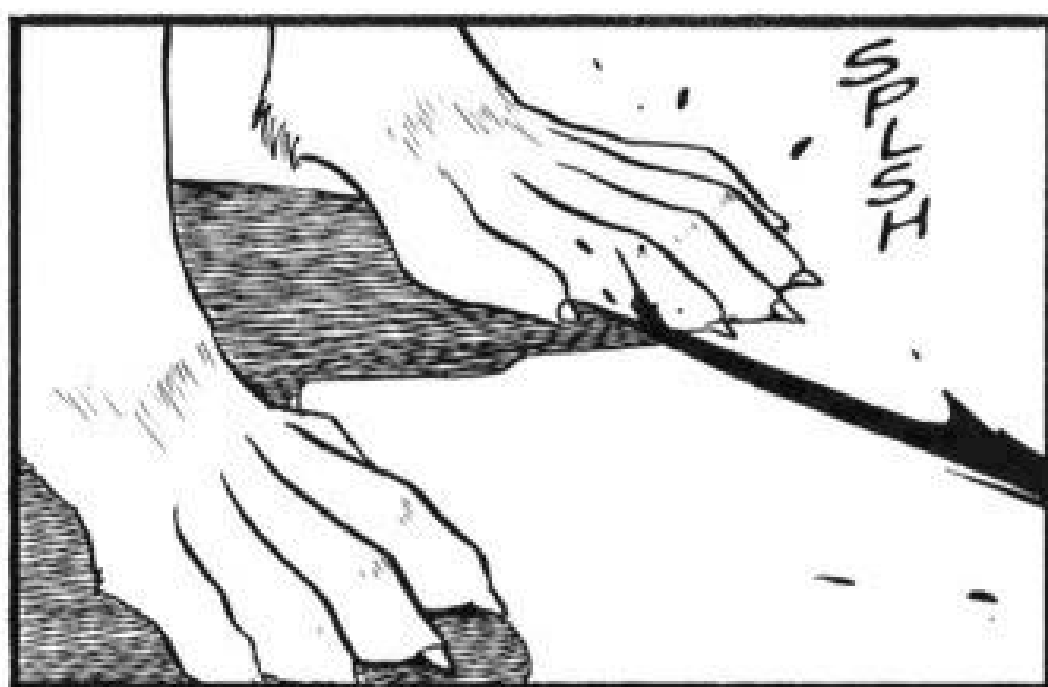
ARE
YOU
SHOU
TUCKER
?

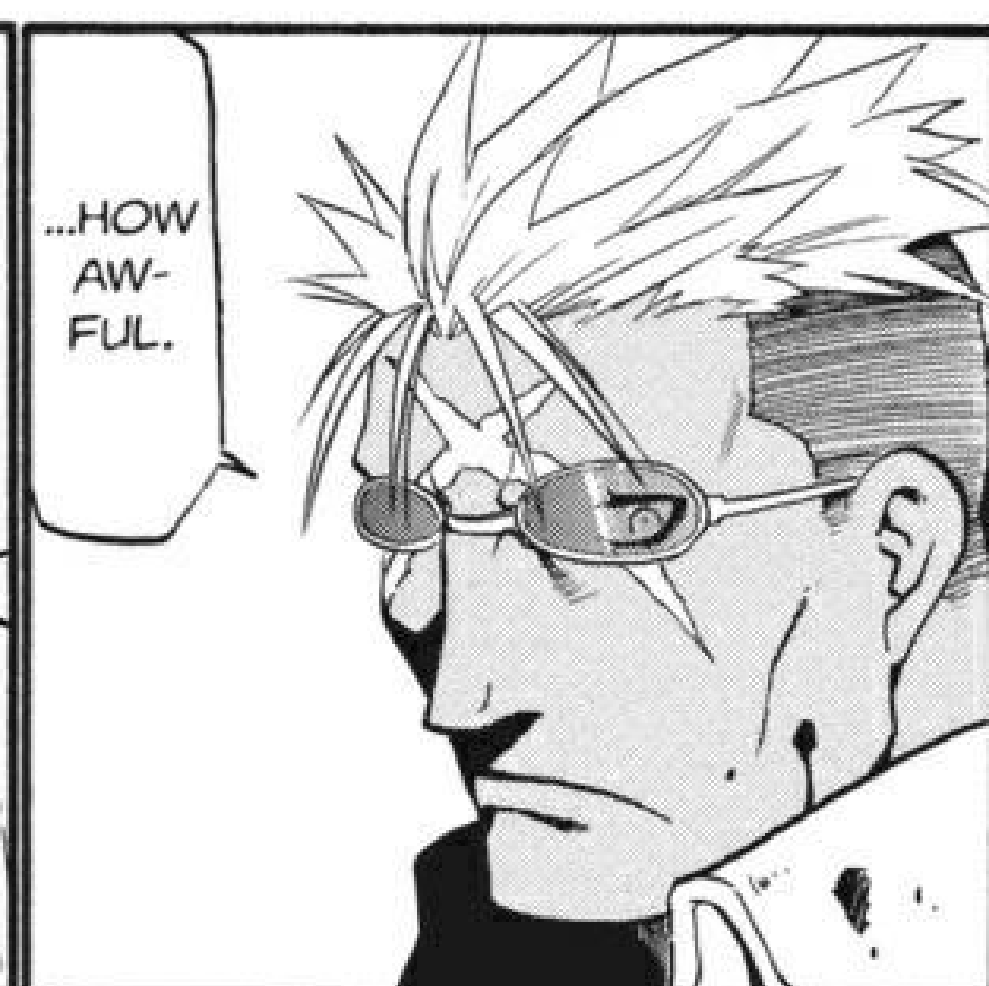
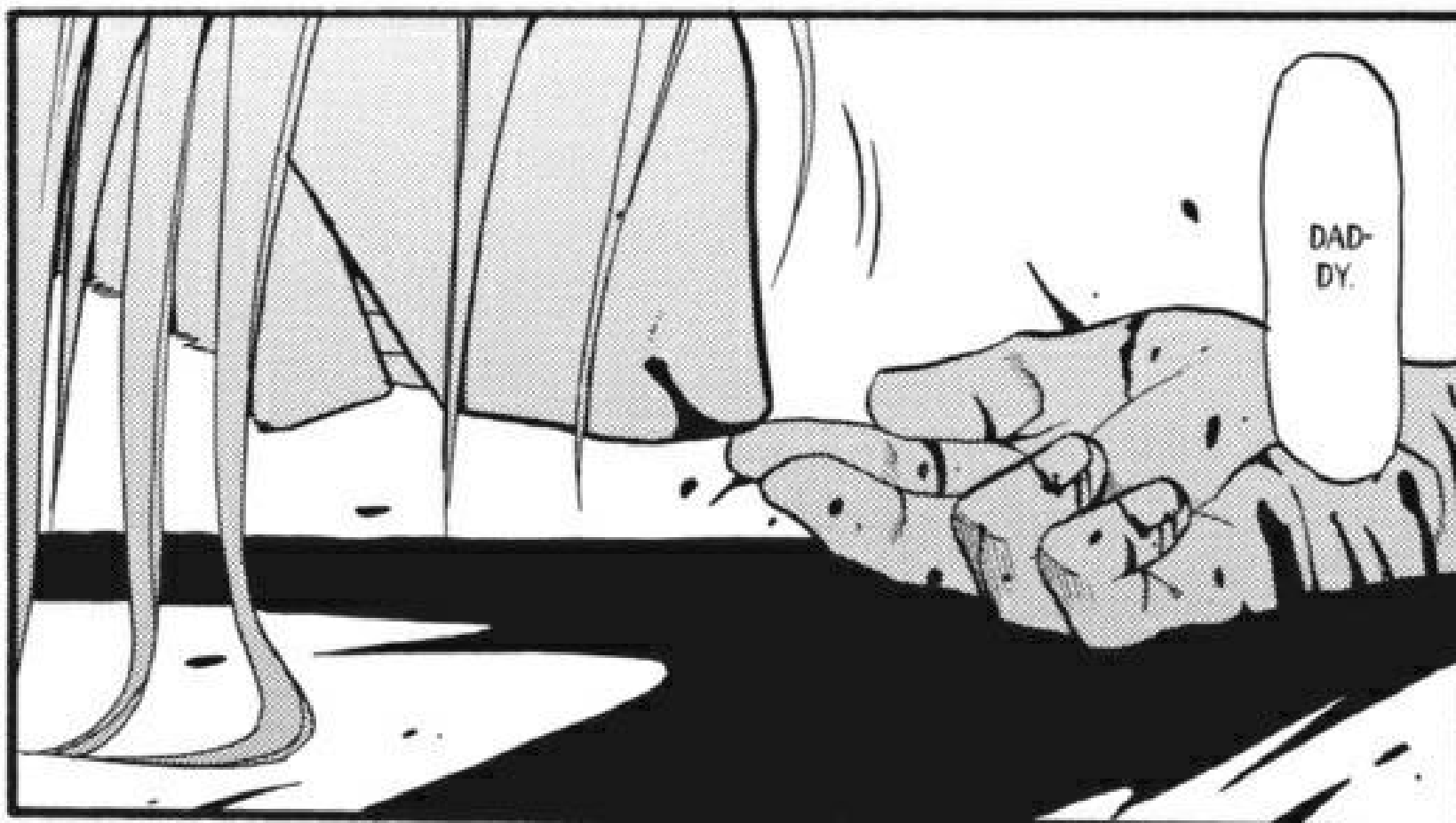
KRAKA

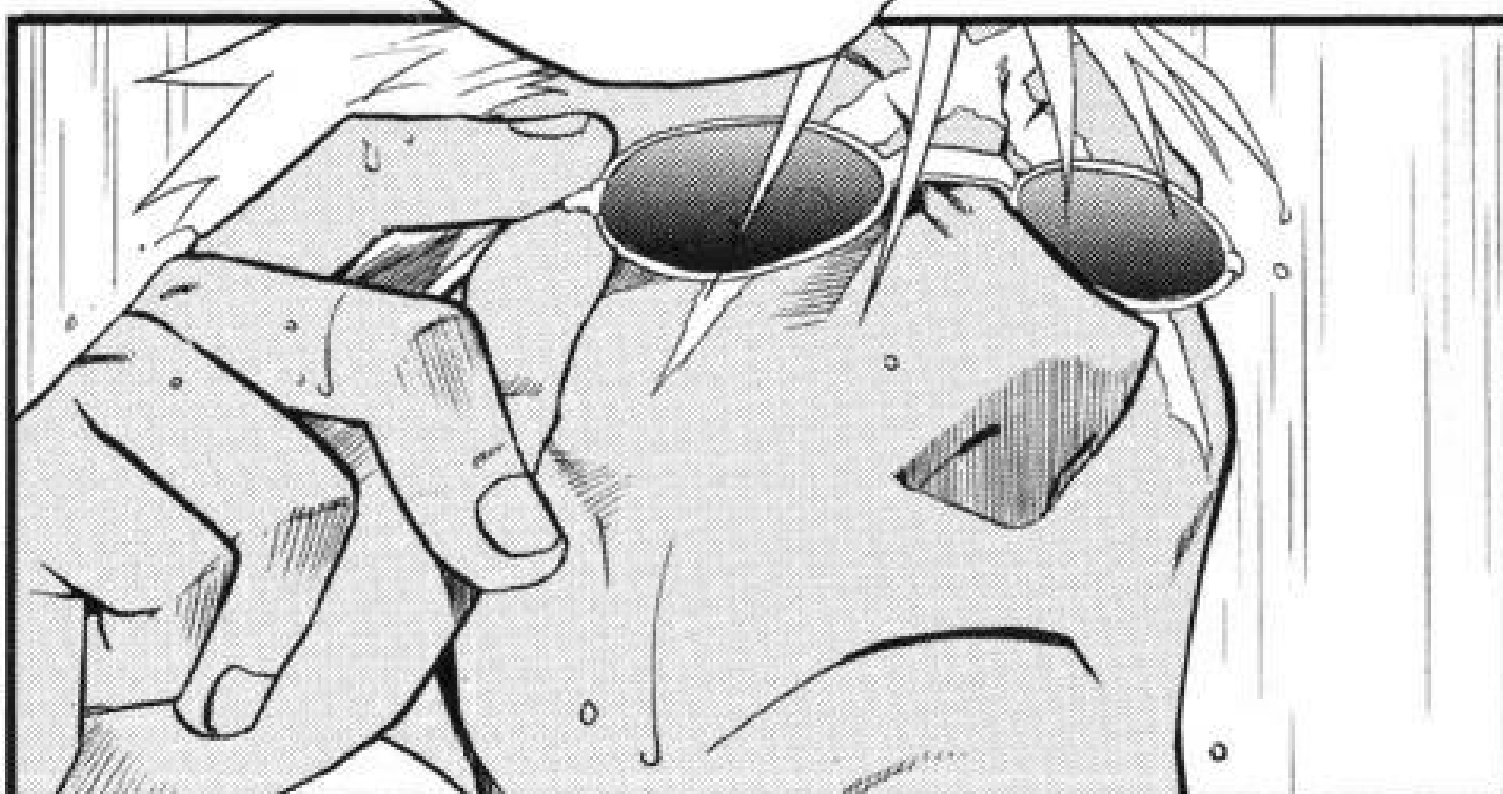
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